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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 108.]

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4 For your information, there is no reportable action as a
5 result of today's closed session.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY
9 PASTOR DAVID H. MARTINEZ, OF THE FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH SOUTH
10 EL MONTE FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
11 WILL BE LED BY ANTHONY CORRALES, A MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO
12 POST NUMBER 176, AMERICAN LEGION, FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT.
13 ALL, PLEASE RISE.

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15 **PASTOR DAVID H. MARTINEZ:** LET US PRAY PLEASE. DEAR HEAVENLY
16 FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY, WE THANK YOU FOR THESE
17 SUPERVISORS THAT HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO GUIDE THIS GREAT COUNTY
18 OF LOS ANGELES. BE WITH THEM TODAY AS THEY DISCUSS THE
19 BUSINESS OF THE DAY, WE PRAY, AMEN.

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21 **ANTHONY CORRALES:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART
22 AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
23 ALLEGIANCE]

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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SUP. MOLINA: MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO MAKE
A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PASTOR
DAVID MARTINEZ FOR LEADING US TODAY IN OUR INVOCATION. HE HAS
SERVED AS A SENIOR PASTOR AT FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH IN SOUTH
EL MONTE FOR OVER 28 YEARS. HE WAS RAISED IN THE EAST SIDE,
WHERE HE ATTENDED GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL. HE'S A GRADUATE OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE IN -- AND IN 1978, EXCUSE ME,
HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM FULLER THEOLOGICAL
INSTITUTE. IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES AT TABERNACLE, HE SERVES
AS A BOARD MEMBER, CHAPLAIN, AND A TEACHER AT THE LATIN
AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE AND IS ALSO ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR AT
THE VICTORY TRAINING INSTITUTE. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION TODAY PASTOR MARTINEZ. [APPLAUSE
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SUP. ANTONOVICH: MADAM CHAIR IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE ONCE
AGAIN ANTHONY CORRALES WHO IS HERE, A RESIDENT OF MONROVIA,
WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO POST NUMBER 176. HE
SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING VIETNAM IN THE FIRST
DIVISION, SECOND BATTALION, SECOND MECHANIZED INFANTRY AND A
RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEDALS.
HE IS MARRIED AND HE IS A GRADUATE OF AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AND
CITRUS COLLEGE IN AZUSA, AND HIS WIFE IS ALSO HERE THIS



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1 MORNING AS WELL. AND THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US
2 IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE HERE. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW CALL THE AGENDA.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 4. ON ITEM CS-6, AS NOTED ON THE
8 GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THE ITEM BE
9 TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, CS-6 IS OFF CALENDAR.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D AND 2-D.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
20 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H AND 2-H.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
2 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P AND 2-P.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15,
8 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, HOLD FOR
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ON ITEM NUMBER SEVEN, FOR THE RECORD,
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE ABSTAIN.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT NUMBER WAS THAT?

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 7.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S ON THE --

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IT'S ON SUPPORT OF AB 458. AND THEN THE
19 REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
22 SECONDED BY MOLINA, NOTING THE ABSTENTION OF SUPERVISOR KNABE
23 AND ANTONOVICH IN ON ITEM NUMBER 7. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
24 ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 16 THROUGH
2 18.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEMS 19 AND 20.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, 21.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 22 THROUGH 24. ON
18 ITEM NUMBER 22, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR
19 REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 22 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR
22 ONE WEEK.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 23, HOLD FOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
2 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 25 AND 26.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 27 THROUGH 39. ON
10 ITEM NUMBER 33, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
11 CONTINUANCE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 33 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ON
14 THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 40
18 THROUGH 43. ON ITEM NUMBER 40, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS A
19 THREE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 40 WILL BE
22 CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 41, SUPERVISOR BURKE
2 REQUESTS A CONTINUANCE OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ONLY FOR
3 ONE WEEK.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS APPROVED, BUT THE -- ALSO WITH
7 THE CORRECTION PLAN, CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. THAT'S ON ITEM
8 NUMBER 41.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 42 AND 43 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 44 THROUGH 46.
16 AND I'LL READ 44 INTO THE RECORD. TREASURER AND TAX
17 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
18 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL
19 OBLIGATION BONDS ELECTION 2000 SERIES B, IN AGGREGATE
20 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,437. THAT ITEM IS
21 BEFORE YOU.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON NUMBER 45 AND 46, WE'LL HOLD THOSE FOR
2 REPORTS. BUDGET MATTER, 47, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, AND
3 WE DO HAVE A SLIGHT CHANGE. THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
4 IS REQUESTING THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS INSTEAD OF
5 ONE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S REQUESTED AND IT'S MOVED
8 THAT THE C.A.O. CONTINUE THIS FOR TWO WEEKS INSTEAD OF ONE
9 WEEK, AS IT'S INDICATED ON THE GREEN SHEET. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
12 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
13 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
14 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
15 ITEM 48-A.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 48-B.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
2 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE IS GOING TO HAVE A
6 PRESENTATION.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
9 TODAY IS ONE OF THOSE BITTER-SWEET OCCASIONS WHEN WE SAY GOOD-
10 BYE TO SOMEONE WHO HAS BECOME A GOOD FRIEND AND NOT ONLY TO ME
11 AND MY STAFF, BUT TO EVERYONE HERE IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY
12 FAMILY. CONSUL-GENERAL MASAHARU KOHNO OF JAPAN ARRIVED HERE IN
13 LOS ANGELES JUST TWO YEARS AGO. IN THAT SHORT TIME, HE AND HIS
14 WIFE NORICO, HAVE BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR LIFE HERE IN
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE HAS WORKED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND
16 EFFECTIVENESS, HAS STRENGTHENED THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES
17 BETWEEN JAPAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ALL OF CALIFORNIA. WITH
18 U.S./JAPAN RELATIONS BEING ONE OF HIS TOP PRIORITIES, CONSUL-
19 GENERAL KOHNO HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL LEADER AND A VISIONARY
20 IN OBTAINING FUNDING FOR THE JAPAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
21 TO EDUCATE UP-AND-COMING JAPANESE-AMERICAN LEADERS THROUGHOUT
22 THE UNITED STATES ON JAPAN. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, CONSUL-
23 GENERAL KOHNO ARRANGED FOR A GROUP OF 20 THIRD AND FOURTH
24 GENERATION JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS TO VISIT JAPAN
25 IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE CULTURAL TIES AND PROMOTE A DEEPER



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1 UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR OWN ROOTS. CONSUL-GENERAL WILL RETURN
2 TO TOKYO LATER THIS MONTH TO THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE OF THE
3 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE WISH HIM WELL AND THANK HIM
4 FOR HIS FRIENDSHIP. SO ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONSUL-GENERAL KOHNO, WE WANT TO MAKE
6 YOU THIS PRESENTATION IN HONOR OF YOUR POSTING HERE IN LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANK
8 YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE, AND WE TRULY HAVE APPRECIATED THE
9 FRIENDSHIP OF YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY
10 BEST ON YOUR RETURN TO JAPAN. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO BID A SAD FAREWELL BECAUSE THE
13 CONSUL-GENERAL AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN QUITE AN INTEGRAL PART
14 OF OUR COUNTY'S FAMILY AND THE COUNTY DIPLOMATIC CORPS AS
15 WELL. AND WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE'VE HAD TO
16 BECOME CLOSE FRIENDS AND AS IT TURNED WORKED TOGETHER
17 COOPERATIVELY AND I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE A MAJOR WORLD TRADE
18 PROGRAM COMING UP IN A COUPLE OF YEARS WHICH THE COUNTY IS
19 SUPPORTING, THAT FORMER AMBASSADOR TISO WATANABI IS THE
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF. BUT THE CONSUL-GENERAL'S LEADERSHIP
21 WILL BE MISSED HERE, AND WE HOPE THAT WE CAN RETAIN OUR
22 FRIENDSHIP EVEN THOUGH HE'LL BE A FEW THOUSAND MILES AWAY WITH
23 HIS LOVELY WIFE NORICO.

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1 **CONSUL-GENERAL KOHNO:** SAY A FEW WORDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
2 WHAT A KIND WORD BY SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND ALSO DON KNABE.
3 AS I COMPLETE MY TOUR OF DUTY AS THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF JAPAN
4 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, I WILL MISS A LOT OF THINGS BUT I'M
5 PARTICULARLY THANKFUL TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
6 CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR MY OWN WORK HERE AS THE CONSUL-GENERAL
7 OF JAPAN. YOU KNOW, FOR JAPAN, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS SO
8 IMPORTANT IN VARIOUS WAYS. MIKE MENTIONED ABOUT THE BUSINESS,
9 BUT WE ARE -- THERE ARE ABOUT A THOUSAND JAPANESE AFFILIATE
10 COMPANIES IN OPERATION IN L.A. COUNTY IN PRODUCING 130
11 MILLION, I MEAN 130,000 JOBS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
12 ALSO, AS DON KNABE MENTIONED ABOUT THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN
13 COMMUNITY HERE, THAT WE HAVE A SIZABLE, HUGE, ONE OF THE
14 BIGGEST JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD, AND THIS IS
15 A VERY IMPORTANT PILLAR FOR THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND
16 THE UNITED STATES. AND ALREADY KNOW FOR JAPAN, LOS ANGELES IS
17 A VERY IMPORTANT GATEWAY FOR OUR JAPANESE TO THE UNITED STATES
18 AS WELL AS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE GATEWAY TO ASIA
19 PACIFIC. AS I COMPLETE MY DUTY AND GO BACK TO JAPAN, PROBABLY
20 UNDER THE DIFFERENT CAPACITY, I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE FURTHER
21 ROUNDS OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE L.A. COUNTY AND JAPAN. AND
22 IN CONCLUDING, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR MY
23 DUTY HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]
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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP COMPTON CITY
2 COUNCILMAN, ISADORE HALL, ASSISTANT CHAIR, LARRY WALDY,
3 D.P.S.S. DIRECTOR BRYCE YOKOMIZO, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM
4 D.P.S.S. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CITY OF COMPTON, DEPARTMENT
5 OF MENTAL HEALTH, CERRITOS COLLEGE HOSPITAL, ASK THEM ALL TO
6 COME FORWARD. THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ROUND TABLE WHICH IS KNOWN
7 AS P.E.R., IS A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN COALITION OF
8 ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING NEARLY TWO MILLION PUBLIC
9 EMPLOYEES. THE MISSION OF P.E.R. IS TO BETTER INFORM CITIZENS
10 ABOUT THE QUALITY OF PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT AND THE VALUE OF
11 SERVICE THEY PROVIDE, TO ENCOURAGE EXCELLENT ESPRIT DE CORPS
12 WITHIN GOVERNMENT AND TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN PUBLIC SERVICE
13 CAREERS. EVERY YEAR, THIS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION PRESENTS
14 PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C., SALUTING
15 WINNERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD. THESE AWARDS
16 RECOGNIZE PROGRAMS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT THAT SHOW
17 INNOVATION, QUALITY, AND COST EFFICIENCY, AND NOMINATIONS FOR
18 THESE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS ARE MADE BY PEERS AND RECOGNIZE
19 GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES AND AWARDS ARE CURRENTLY OFFERED IN EIGHT
20 CATEGORIES: FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY, INNER GOVERNMENTAL,
21 INTERNATIONAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND PUBLIC SERVICE
22 PARTNERSHIPS -- PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. AND THE COUNTY OF
23 LOS ANGELES HAS ONCE AGAIN PROVEN ITSELF TO BE AN INNOVATOR
24 AND FRONT-RUNNER IN PROVIDING SERVICE TO ITS CITIZENS. TWO OF
25 THE COUNTY'S PROGRAMS WERE RECOGNIZED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR



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1 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND ENRICH THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND
2 I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE 2003 PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENT
3 AWARD IN THE COUNTY CATEGORY WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
4 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ITS CAREER IN CHILD CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.
5 D.P.S.S. COLLABORATES WITH TEN LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO
6 TRAIN CAL-WORKS PARTICIPANTS TO BECOME HIGHLY SKILLED EARLY
7 CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT TEACHERS. THIS PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFULLY
8 ADDRESSING TWO CRITICAL ISSUES IN THE COUNTY: THE NEED TO FIND
9 EMPLOYMENT, AND THAT IS FOR CAL-WORKS PARTICIPANTS AND THE
10 SEVERE SHORTAGE OF QUALITY CHILD CARE TEACHERS, AND I'M VERY
11 PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO BRYCE YOKOMIZO, DIRECTOR OF
12 D.P.S.S., AND I'M ALSO PLEASED TO PRESENT THESE CERTIFICATES
13 TO BARBARA SULLIVAN, HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATOR III, DIANNE
14 VIGARERIA VILLAREAL, WHO IS HUMAN SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR II.
15 SO, FIRST TO BRYCE. CONGRATULATIONS. [MIXED VOICES]

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17 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
18 ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WE'D
19 ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA BECAUSE IT WAS HER VISION
20 AND HER RECOMMENDATION THAT WE PURSUE THIS PROGRAM AND IT WAS
21 HER ENCOURAGEMENT THAT ALLOWED US TO WIN THIS NATIONALLY
22 RECOGNIZED AWARD. SO, ALSO, NOT ONLY TO THE BOARD, BUT ALSO
23 FOR DIANNE AND BARBARA, OUR STAFF MANAGERS, WHO REALLY
24 IMPLEMENTED THIS PROGRAM, WE REALLY THANK ALL THE STAFF AND



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1 THIS RECOGNITION BY THE BOARD TO BE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED.

2 THANKS VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I'M ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE
5 2003 PUBLIC EXCELLENT AWARD IN THE CITY CATEGORY WENT TO THE
6 NUISANCE IMPACT COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, AND THIS IS A
7 COLLABORATIVE BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT, COMPTON CITY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, COMPTON CITY
9 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, COMMUNITY CLERGY, COMPTON BUSINESS OWNERS,
10 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND PAROLE AND PROBATION
11 DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS. THIS
12 PROGRAM WAS CONCEIVED AND IMPLEMENTED TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL
13 IMPACT ON LOCAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. IN DOING SO, IT IS ALSO
14 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ALL RESIDENTS
15 OF THE CITY. AND FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IN
16 2002, CRIME WAS REDUCED BY MORE THAN 22%, AND I'M VERY PLEASED
17 TO PRESENT THESE PLAQUES, AND FIRST TO CITY COUNCILMAN ISADORE
18 HALL. [APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NOW TO ASSISTANT COUNTY SHERIFF LARRY
21 WALDY. THANK YOU, THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
22 CERTIFICATES HERE. THERE'LL BE ONE TO YOU CHIEF, ALSO WE CAN
23 GET A CERTIFICATE. CAPTAIN CECIL RAMBO, JR. [APPLAUSE]

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LIEUTENANT SHAWN MATHIS. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW VANDERHORN. [
3 APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DEPUTY SHERIFF SCOTT GAUGE. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FRANK PATILLO. MELVIN STOKES. COULDN'T BE
8 HERE, AND WHAT ABOUT CARL -- OKAY, WE'LL JUST LET THEM TAKE
9 THEM FOR THEM.

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11 **ISADOR HALL:** OH I WOULD FIRST OF ALL JUST LIKE TO THANK THE
12 SUPERVISOR AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS
13 A WHOLE FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND WE DEFINITELY LOOK FORWARD TO A
14 CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP WORKING WITH YOU, AND I'D LIKE TO DEFER
15 COMMENTS TO THE CAPTAIN. THANKS AGAIN.

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17 **CAPTAIN CECIL RAMBO, JR.:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK
18 THE SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR THIS AWARD. ALL THE
19 WORK AND DEDICATION AND SUPPORT GO TO THE DEPUTIES HERE WHO DO
20 ALL THE HARD WORK. AND THIS PROGRAM HAS GREATLY REDUCED CRIME
21 EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANTLY THAN WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED OVER THE
22 PERIOD THAT WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED, SO CERTAINLY MY HATS OFF TO
23 THE HARD-WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF COMPTON.

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1 **ASS'T SHERIFF LARRY WALDY:** ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF BACA, WE'D
2 LIKE TO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3 FOR THIS HONOR. THIS REALLY DEMONSTRATES WHEN THE COMMUNITY
4 WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE AN IMPACT ON
5 THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY,
6 AND WE ARE DOING IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP A GROUP OF
9 STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO ARE AWARD WINNERS FROM U.S.C. SCHOOL OF
10 POLICY. AND AS I SAID TO THEM, WE'VE BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF SO
11 MANY OF THE STUDENTS FROM PUBLIC -- IN PUBLIC POLICY FROM
12 U.S.C. WHO'VE COME TO OUR OFFICE AND WHO'VE MADE SUCH A
13 CONTRIBUTION AND WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH OUR OFFICE IN
14 STAFF POSITIONS. BUT THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY AND
15 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,
16 KNOWN AS I.P.P.A.M., IS AN INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT
17 PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND SENIOR MANAGERS IN
18 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES
19 THAT ARE ENGAGED IN THE DESIGN, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT OF
20 SOCIAL SECTOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THEIR COUNTRIES. THE
21 PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR POLICY,
22 PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT. THE STUDENTS DEAL WITH A WIDE RANGE
23 OF PUBLIC POLICY AREAS, INCLUDING HEALTH, EDUCATION, URBAN
24 PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND BUDGETING. THIS YEAR, I
25 WAS ASKED TO MAKE MY OFFICES AND STAFF AVAILABLE FOR A STUDENT



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1 VISIT AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM, AND I'VE BEEN SO IMPRESSED BY
2 THE PROGRAM AND THE STUDENTS, THAT I DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE THEM
3 TODAY, AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT THESE SCROLLS, FIRST OF
4 ALL, TO THE STAFF AS WELL AS TO THESE STUDENTS, TO DR. JOYCE
5 MANN. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. JEFFREY KEELING. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, SHELLY WESTERBY IS A PH.D. CANDIDATE.
10 THANK YOU. AMY BUNISREEVY, TELL ME -- WAS THAT PRETTY GOOD,
11 OKAY, BUNIARESEEVY, BUNIARESEEVY IS A STUDENT IN INTERNATIONAL
12 PUBLIC POLICY, AND SHE IS FROM THAILAND, YEAH, AND SHE'S
13 GRADUATING. NOW, NORIKA OBADA, AND SHE'S ALSO A STUDENT
14 HONOREE, INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM,
15 AND SHE IS FROM JAPAN, AND CONGRATULATIONS. SO YOU WERE HERE
16 WHEN THE CONSUL-GENERAL WAS HERE, OKAY, CONGRATULATIONS TO
17 YOU.

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19 **DR. JOYCE MANN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. OUR STUDENTS COME
20 FROM MANY COUNTRIES TO STUDY PUBLIC POLICY IN THIS COUNTRY.
21 IT'S AN HONOR FOR US TO RECEIVE SUCH A GIFT FROM THOSE WHO
22 HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO PUBLIC SERVICE AS OUR STUDENTS
23 WILL WHEN THEY RETURN. THANK YOU. WE'LL CHERISH THIS GIFT.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU
3 HAVE PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO YOU HAVE
4 PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO FIRST RECOGNIZE TWO
7 INDIVIDUALS FOR DOING A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA, AND THAT'S
8 JOHN AND DAN HUGHES. WHEN DAN'S DAUGHTER AND JOHN'S
9 GRANDDAUGHTER, TIFFANY, WAS DIAGNOSED WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY,
10 THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD DO SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT TO HELP, AND
11 THIS WAS OVER 13 YEARS AGO. SO WHAT THEY DID, THEY FORMED A
12 FORUM OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, AND THIS FATHER-AND-SON TEAM
13 STARTED WITH A SMALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN THE ELK'S LODGE
14 PARKING LOT, WHICH HAS NOW GROWN INTO A FULL SCALE CARNIVAL AT
15 CAMERON PARK. THEIR EFFORTS, HOWEVER, DID NOT STOP WITH THE
16 ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, AS THEY ARE DIRECTLY
17 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELK'S ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AND AUCTION AS
18 WELL AS THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. THIS YEAR, THEY WERE
19 RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THE FIRST CELEBRITY WAITER NIGHT AT
20 THE RED ROBIN RESTAURANT AS WEST COVINA'S FIRE FIGHTERS WAITED
21 ON TABLES AND GAVE ALL OF THEIR TIPS TO THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
22 ASSOCIATION. JOHN, DAN AND THEIR FAMILY IN CONJUNCTION WITH
23 THE ELKS AND EMBLEM CLUB AND THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, WERE
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR RAISING OVER ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN
25 FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND HANDS-ON SUPPORT. THEIR DEDICATION TO



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1 HELPING FIND A CURE FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY HAS BEEN TRULY
2 APPRECIATED BY THE 18 LOCAL FAMILIES WHICH ARE AMONG THE MORE
3 THAN 6,000 IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA WHO DIRECTLY
4 BENEFIT FROM THESE EFFORTS. AND TODAY WE HAVE THE MAYOR FROM
5 WEST COVINA JOINING US, AND THAT'S MAYOR STEVE HERFERT, A GOOD
6 FRIEND AND A GOOD REPRESENTATIVE FOR WEST COVINA; SUSAN
7 KINNEY, A DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
8 ASSOCIATION, AND ANGELA WILLIAMS, WHO IS THE COMMUNITY
9 SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE AID FOR THE CITY OF WEST COVINA. SO AT
10 THIS TIME, LET ME PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO JOHN AND TO DAN.

11 [APPLAUSE] [MIXED VOICES]

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME FIRST ASK DAN AND JOHN AND THEN WE'LL
14 HAVE THE MAYOR SAY A FEW WORDS.

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16 **JOHN HUGHES:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR
17 HAVING US HERE TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK ALSO THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS FOR LETTING US BE HERE TODAY. IT'S AN HONOR AND A
19 PRIVILEGE FOR US TO BE HERE. I THINK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
20 COVERED ALL OF THE EVENTS THAT WE DO IN THE CITY. WE ALSO HAVE
21 A DINNER AND DANCE. EVERYTHING WE DO IS DONATED FROM VARIOUS
22 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD ONE
23 OTHER THING, THAT THE MONEY THAT WE DO RAISE STAYS IN OUR
24 COMMUNITY. WE DONATE A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY TO THE UNIVERSITY
25 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY, AT THE GOOD



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1 SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. W. KINGINGLE
2 AND VALERIE ESKANIS. WE DONATE SOME MORE MONEY TO RANCHO LOS
3 AMIGOS. WE HELP SPONSOR MANY CHILDREN GOING TO THE ANNUAL
4 SUMMER CAMP, WHICH IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR YEAR, AND THEN IT
5 HAPPENS TO BE GOING ON THIS WEEK AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT. ALSO,
6 EVERY YEAR WE THROW A CHRISTMAS PARTY WHERE WE HAVE SANTA
7 CLAUS AND GIFTS AND A DINNER AND HAVE ALL THE FAMILIES COME
8 OUT AND PUT A LITTLE SUNSHINE IN THEIR LIFE. SO IT'S A GREAT
9 EVENT AND WE'D REALLY LIKE TO HELP ALL OF THESE KIDS AND
10 EVERYTHING, AND WHY DID WE START THIS EVENT? WELL, I'M GOING
11 TO LET MY SON TELL YOU THAT STORY. SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF
12 YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. SO MY SON, DAN, WILL TELL YOU THE STORY
13 ON HOW WE GOT STARTED. [APPLAUSE]

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15 **DAN HUGHES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR INVITING US
16 DONE HERE, AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. OUR STORY, I'LL GET TO IT
17 REAL QUICKLY, STARTS 14 YEARS AGO WHEN MY DAUGHTER WAS
18 DIAGNOSED WITH ONE OF THE 40 NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES CALLED
19 FRIEDRICHS ATAXIA. AT THE TIME THAT WE WENT IN, THEY TOLD US
20 THAT SHE WOULD BE CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR BY THE TIME SHE WAS
21 12 AND ULTIMATELY SHE WOULD DIE BY THE TIME SHE WAS 17. THERE
22 WAS NO CURE FOR THE DISEASE. WE DIDN'T KNOW IF THIS WAS PART
23 OF ANY ORGANIZATION, BUT LATER ON, WE FOUND OUT THAT IT WAS
24 PART OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CAME IN, GOT
25 ALL THE PAPERWORK, SAID, "YOU'RE IN OUR HANDS NOW, WE'LL TAKE



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1 CARE OF EVERYTHING THAT YOU NEED, WE HAVE SUPPORT GROUPS AND
2 EVERYTHING," SO AT THAT TIME, WE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO
3 RETURN WHAT THEY HAD DONE FOR US. I WAS A MEMBER OF THE WEST
4 COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME. I WENT TO THE CHIEF OF
5 POLICE, ASKED HIM IF WE COULD DO A LITTLE PANCAKE BREAKFAST.
6 HE SAID, "ANYTHING YOU NEED, WE'LL DO. YOU'RE PART OF OUR
7 FAMILY. WHATEVER IT TAKES, THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO." WE STARTED
8 THE LITTLE PANCAKE BREAKFAST, AND WE GREW FROM YEAR TO YEAR.
9 ORIGINALLY, SHE WAS DIAGNOSED BY THREE DIFFERENT NEUROLOGISTS
10 AT THREE DIFFERENT TIMES, NOT KNOWING THE OTHER -- YOU KNOW,
11 EACH ONE OF THEM. WE DID IT AT THREE DIFFERENT TIMES 'CAUSE WE
12 WANTED TO MAKE SURE THIS WAS TRULY WHAT THEY DIAGNOSED, AND
13 ALL THREE OF THEM CAME UP WITH THE SAME DIAGNOSIS, TOLD US THE
14 SAME THING. AFTER OUR THIRD YEAR OF DOING OUR FUNDRAISING, WE
15 WENT IN, EVERY YEAR, THERE WAS A SPECIALIST THAT FLEW OUT FROM
16 NEW YORK JUST TO SEE THESE PATIENTS THAT WERE DIAGNOSED WITH
17 FRIEDRICHS ATAXIA. HE SAW MY DAUGHTER, HE WAS IN DOING HIS
18 EXAMINATION FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, AND WHEN HE CAME OUT, HE
19 ASKED ME AND MY WIFE, IN CONSULTATION, TO COME INTO HIS OFFICE
20 SO HE COULD TALK TO US FOR A FEW MINUTES, AND HIS EXACT WORDS
21 WHEN WE WENT IN THERE WERE, "I DON'T KNOW IF YOU BELIEVE IN
22 THE GUY UPSTAIRS, BUT I DO AS OF TODAY, AND THE REASON I DO IS
23 BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY THREE NEUROLOGISTS MISDIAGNOSED THIS
24 DISEASE, BUT I GOT TO BELIEVE THAT THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING
25 FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, HE'S CURED HER COMPLETELY, BECAUSE



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1 TODAY, SHE STANDS HERE, A PERFECTLY NORMAL 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL
2 WITH NO TRACE OF THE DISEASE AT ALL. AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE
3 CONTINUED TO FIGHT THIS, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO FIGHT IT
4 FOREVER. ALL THE MONEY THAT WE RAISE, WE WANT TO STOP THIS
5 DREADED DISEASE. THE CITY OF WEST COVINA HAS BEEN BEHIND US
6 100%. THE ELK'S AND THE EMBLEM CLUB, EVERYBODY GETS INVOLVED.
7 THE MAYOR, THE COUNCIL, EVERYBODY. IT'S A GREAT EVENT. WE
8 INVITE ALL OF YOU TO COME DOWN TO ONE OF OUR EVENTS AND SEE
9 HOW WE RAISE OUR MONEY. THANK YOU FOR INVITING US. THIS IS
10 TRULY A GREAT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AND WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.
11 [APPLAUSE]

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13 **MAYOR STEVE HERFERT:** THANKS, MIKE. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK
14 YOU TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH FOR THE RECOGNITION FOR WHAT WE HAVE AS A SPECIAL
16 GROUP IN WEST COVINA, A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR ELK'S LODGE,
17 THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY, AND IT'S
18 REALLY ABOUT HELPING TO FIGHT MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. WE'LL GIVE A
19 CHECK THIS YEAR FOR APPROXIMATELY ABOUT A HUNDRED THOUSAND
20 DOLLARS ON THE LABOR DAY EVENT, THE JERRY LEWIS TELETHON, AND
21 ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SPOKEN TODAY AND THAT ARE
22 REPRESENTING THE CITY TODAY VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, AS DO
23 THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IN THE CITY TO RAISE MONEY FOR MUSCULAR
24 DYSTROPHY. JUST A GREAT PARTNERSHIP, AND WE THANK YOU FOR THE
25 RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY TAKE CARE. NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO

3 RECOGNIZE THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTRACT

4 BRIDGE LEAGUE WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JULY

5 17TH THROUGH THE 27TH AS "LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE WEEK"

6 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT

7 OF THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE WILL BE HOSTING THE

8 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM JULY 17TH THROUGH THE 27TH

9 AT THE LONG BEACH CONVENTION AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER. MORE

10 THAN 16,000 LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATED

11 PLAYERS WILL COMPETE IN THE 10-DAY BRIDGE EVENT AS THE

12 TOURNAMENT OFFERS COMPETITION FOR PROFESSIONAL AND EXPERIENCED

13 PLAYERS AS WELL AS A COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR BEGINNERS, NOVICE,

14 AND INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS, WITH GUEST LECTURERS EVERY DAY AND

15 INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED AT A COMPREHENSIVE AND A COMPLETE

16 BRIDGE BOOKSTORE. ALONG WITH BEING A FORM OF RECREATION AND

17 ENTERTAINMENT, BRIDGE ALSO INCREASES THE MENTAL POWERS OF

18 REASONING, LOGIC AND MEMORY, AND HAS ASSISTED MANY SENIORS IN

19 RETAINING THEIR MENTAL AWARENESS. REPRESENTING THE CONTRACT

20 BRIDGE LEAGUE TODAY ARE RAND PINSKY WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF

21 THE L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT OF THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE

22 LEAGUE, JAN NATHAN, THE COORDINATOR OF THE LONG BEACH NORTH

23 AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND CECIL COOK WHO IS THE PAST

24 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE. SO



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1 LET ME GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND WISH YOU WHAT, GOOD
2 DEALING. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IT'S A
5 VERY WISE BOARD THAT REALIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF BRIDGE. IT'S A
6 WONDERFUL GAME. IT'S NOT JUST FOR YOUR GRANDPARENTS OR YOUR
7 GRANDPARENT GRANDPARENTS. WE ARE STARTING MANY YOUTH PROGRAMS
8 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE AMERICAN
9 CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE EVEN HAS A FREE BRIDGE LESSON WEB SITE
10 ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB. YOU GO TO ACBL.ORG, YOU CAN TAKE FREE
11 BRIDGE LESSONS, AND THERE IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HERE IN
12 LOS ANGELES THAT ANYONE CAN CONTACT TO LEARN ABOUT BRIDGE.
13 ANYONE ON THE BOARD IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE NEXT WEEK IN OUR
14 BRIDGE TOURNAMENT. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME, AND IT'S A
15 WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS
16 OPPORTUNITY.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I PLAYED FOR A LONG TIME. [APPLAUSE]

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20 **JAN NATHAN:** I'D LIKE TO SAY THE REASON I GOT INTO BRIDGE.
21 BRIDGE CAME INTO MY LIFE BECAUSE IT COMES INTO ALL ECONOMIC
22 LEVELS, ALL ETHNIC LEVELS, ALL AREAS OF EXPERIENCE FROM
23 BEGINNING TO ADVANCED TO INTERMEDIATE. SO THERE'S A LEVEL FOR
24 EVERYBODY, AND EVERYBODY CAN HAVE FUN. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO
25 RELAX AFTER YOUR DAY OF WORK. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE THIS LITTLE GIRL WHO'S
3 LOOKING FOR A HOME AND HER NAME IS ROXIE, SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS
4 OLD, SHE'S A LABRADOR MIX, SO HERE'S LITTLE ROXIE.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ROXIE IS CUTE.

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8 **AUDIENCE:** OOHS AND AHS.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT ROXIE, WE HAVE
11 PEOPLE HERE FROM THAILAND AND JAPAN AND MAYBE THEY'D LIKE TO
12 TAKE HER BACK AS A GIFT. SO THIS IS LITTLE ROXIE, SO SHE'S
13 LOOKING FOR A HOME AND ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT HER, YOU
14 CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN,
15 562-728-4644, OR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE, AND AS WE SAID, ROXIE
16 HAS MANY LITTLE COUSINS WHO ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR PARENTS.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW MANY DOGS DO YOU HAVE?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I GOT TWO KIDS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, THAT WAS NOT THE QUESTION. I THINK
23 I'M UP FIRST WITH THAT, I TRY TO TALK HIM INTO ONE DOG AND HE
24 WOULDN'T EVEN TAKE ONE LITTLE ORPHANED DOG. DID YOU WANT TO
25 TAKE UP AN ITEM FIRST, SUPERVISOR? DID YOU HAVE -- WHO WAS IT



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1 WHO HAD SOME COUNCIL PEOPLE? OR THEY'VE ALREADY DONE THAT.
2 OKAY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
3 OF WILLIE -- WILLA MAE HUNTER, WHO PASSED AWAY JUNE 27TH.
4 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER GRANDDAUGHTER, VALENCIA RONA. AND NICK
5 SHAMUS, NICHOLAS N. SHAMUS, A CIVIC LEADER AND OWNER FOR
6 ALMOST 50 YEARS OF FELIX AUTO CENTER, CHEVROLET CADILLAC,
7 CIVIC LEADER AND HE HAD BEEN VERY FAMOUS FOR 'FELIX THE CAT'
8 SYMBOL, ALONG WITH OTHER AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS UNDER THE
9 CORPORATE NAME OF DOWNTOWN L.A. MOTORS, HE BECAME WELL KNOWN
10 ALL OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE PASSED AWAY ON JULY 1ST AT
11 THE AGE OF 87. AND WE ALL HAVE TO REMEMBER NICK BECAUSE HE WAS
12 HERE AND REALLY PART OF LOS ANGELES AND PART OF DOWNTOWN LOS
13 ANGELES. ALL MEMBERS. SO ORDERED. AND BARRY WHITE, WHO PASSED
14 AWAY ON FRIDAY, JULY 4TH, AT THE AGE OF 58, AFTER BEING
15 HOSPITALIZED SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER AFTER SUFFERING KIDNEY
16 FAILURE. HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WITH HIS MOTHER WHEN HE WAS
17 SIX MONTHS OLD, RAISED IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, AND MR.
18 WHITE'S SEDUCTIVE VOICE LED TO THE POPULAR R AND B HITS IN THE
19 '70S, "CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF YOUR LOVE," "BABE, YOU'RE THE FIRST
20 AND LAST, MY EVERYTHING," "NEVER, NEVER GOING TO GIVE YOU UP,"
21 AND 'I'M GONNA LOVE YOU JUST A LITTLE MORE BABY,' TO NAME A
22 FEW. I'VE HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT HE'S KNOWN ALSO LATELY FOR
23 BEING ON 'ALLY MCBEAL' A LOT, THEY USED ONE OF HIS SONGS AS
24 PART OF ONE OF THE SERIES -- PART OF THE SERIES. AND HE'S
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BLODEAN, HIS COMPANION, KATHLEEN DENTON,



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1 EIGHT CHILDREN, AND NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN, AND HE WILL BE
2 MEMORIALIZED BY THE NAMING OF WHAT HAS BEEN SOUTH PARK IN THE
3 AREA WHERE HE GREW UP AFTER HIM, AND THAT WILL BE THE BARRY
4 WHITE PARK, THAT WILL BE NAMED IN HIS HONOR VERY SOON.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, HE PERFORMED AT THE CHAPLAIN EAGLES
7 EVENT A FEW YEARS AGO FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, HE WAS ONE
8 OF THE ENTERTAINERS, AND HE DONATED HIS TIME TO HELPING OUR
9 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PROBATION CAMP, SO WE APPRECIATED HIS
10 INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SUPERVISOR -- I THINK IT WAS ALL
13 MEMBERS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND HE WAS CERTAINLY VERY, VERY POPULAR IN
18 LOS ANGELES. HE WAS PART OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE TWO ITEMS
19 THAT ARE REPORTS, THAT I WILL CALL THOSE UP FIRST, AND THEN
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S HOLDING ONE ITEM.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR I WITHDRAW MY HOLD ON NUMBER 6.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
25 BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS FOR NUMBER SIX JUST SO YOU --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NUMBER 6, WILL BE APPROVED. SO I'LL
5 CALL -- BEFORE I CALL THE SEPARATE MATTERS, I'LL CALL UP ITEM
6 23, WHICH WAS BEING HELD BY GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ITEM 23. WOULD
7 YOU LIKE TO COME UP GENEVIEVE, AND YOU WERE HOLDING THIS. 23.
8 ALL RIGHT. WELL, THEN, WE'LL GO TO 45 AND 46. OR, I SUSPECT
9 SHE LEFT AND WILL COME BACK. ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO TO 45 FIRST,
10 THAT'S HELD FOR A REPORT BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, I -- WE'RE GOING TO ASK, WE HAVE
13 COUNCIL WOMAN NANCY RAMOS JOINING US HERE TODAY FROM THE CITY
14 OF COMMERCE. I'M GOING TO ASK HER TO COME UP AND JOIN US, AND
15 I'M ASKING, IS CAPTAIN TONY ARGOTT HERE YET? OKAY. GOOD. SO
16 WE'RE PREPARED FOR THE REPORT ON THIS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS
17 WHOLE TRAIL DERAILMENT WAS REALLY A -- AN UNFORTUNATE BUT YET
18 A LUCKY KIND OF SITUATION IN THAT WE DIDN'T LOSE ANY LIVES.
19 WHEN YOU SAW THE INCIDENT AS WE SAW IT ON T.V., IT WAS AMAZING
20 THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE WHO WAS TRAGICALLY HURT THERE. BUT
21 IT IS CLEARLY, THERE ARE SOME ACTIONS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE. I
22 KNOW THAT THE CITY OF COMMERCE AND ITS LEADERSHIP THERE HAVE
23 BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN CALLING HEARINGS AND BRINGING PEOPLE TO
24 TASK. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT WAS
25 READY, ABLE TO RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS THEY DID, AND DID THE



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1 VERY EFFECTIVE JOB CALLING IN ALL THE RESOURCES NECESSARY.
2 WE'VE HAD OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OUT THERE,
3 BECAUSE IT WAS VERY, VERY TRAUMATIC FOR MANY OF THE FAMILIES
4 OUT THERE, AND, OF COURSE, WE'VE PROVIDED WHATEVER RESOURCES
5 WE CAN TO MANY OF THOSE FAMILIES, BUT THE REALITY IS IS THAT
6 THERE WERE -- IT WAS AN INCIDENT THAT ACTUALLY SHOULD NOT HAVE
7 OCCURRED TO THE EXTENT THAT IT DID, AND PROBABLY THE MOST
8 TROUBLING ASPECT OF IT IS IS THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE
9 NOTIFICATION. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE KNEW EXCEPT THE PEOPLE
10 THAT WERE IN THE POTENTIAL HARM'S WAY, AND THAT'S WHAT'S SO
11 UNFORTUNATE. I'M GOING TO BRING IN A MOTION THAT WE'LL PUT IN
12 PLACE, HOPEFULLY OUR ABILITY TO CALL FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION
13 FOR THIS KIND OF NOTIFICATION, BUT I THINK THAT WHAT ALL THE
14 HULLABALOO THAT IS BEING MADE OF BEING ON ALERT OF ANY
15 TERRORIST ACTS, IT'S AMAZING THAT SOMETHING COULD'VE GONE ON
16 LIKE THIS AS LONG AS IT WENT ON. AND ENDED, IT COULD HAVE BEEN
17 A TERRORIST ACTION, EVEN THOUGH THIS WAS ALL AN ACCIDENT, BUT
18 IT TELLS US THAT WE NEED TO BE ON THE ALERT AND CERTAINLY MUCH
19 MORE PREPARED AND FINDING THOSE WAYS TO PREVENT IT, BECAUSE IT
20 CERTAINLY COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE TRAGIC. SO I THINK WE'D
21 LIKE TO BEGIN BY GETTING A SUMMARY REPORT AS TO WHERE WE ARE
22 AND WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING FROM CAPTAIN ARGOTT AND THEN I'M
23 GOING TO ASK COUNCIL WOMAN RAMOS TO ALSO JOIN US IN
24 SUMMARIZING THIS REPORT.

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1 **CAPTAIN ANTHONY ARGOTT:** GOOD MORNING.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD MORNING.

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5 **CAPTAIN ANTHONY ARGOTT:** INITIALLY I MET WITH THE UNION PACIFIC
6 RAILROAD PERSONNEL TO BRIEF THEM CONCERNING OUR EMERGENCY
7 OPERATIONS BUREAU AND THE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE IN
8 PLACE CURRENTLY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE INITIAL
9 MEETING WAS MYSELF AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EMERGENCY
10 OPERATIONS BUREAU OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND A U.P.
11 PERSONNEL. THURSDAY, THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO HAVE A MORE FOCUSED
12 MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, THEIR
13 MANAGEMENT, OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
14 BUREAU, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ALL OF THE LOCAL RAILROAD OR
15 NATIONAL RAILROAD AGENCIES ARE BEING REPRESENTED, TRANSIT
16 SERVICES BUREAU FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS BEING
17 REPRESENTED, AND ALL CONCERNED CITIES AND EMERGENCY --
18 EMERGENCY PROVIDERS IN THE AREA ARE GOING TO ATTEND THIS
19 MEETING ON THURSDAY WITH THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD AND THE
20 OTHER NATIONAL RAILROADS. THAT'S WHAT WE'VE DONE TO ESTABLISH
21 A COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS WITH THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WHAT WE EXPLAINED TO THE UNION PACIFIC
23 RAILROAD WAS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS THE EMERGENCY
24 OPERATIONS CENTER FOR THE COUNTY, THE SHERIFF IS THE CHIEF
25 EMERGENCY OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY, AND ONE SIMPLE NOTIFICATION



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1 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER COULD SET
2 OFF A NOTIFICATION TO ALL OF THE MUNICIPAL AGENCIES AND ANY
3 CONCERNED AGENCY ALONG THE ROUTE OF ANY INCIDENT LIKE THIS,
4 SHOULD IT OCCUR AGAIN.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ANYTHING ELSE?

7

8 **CAPTAIN ANTHONY ARGOTT:** NO, MA'AM. WE'VE PRETTY MUCH ADDRESSED
9 THE ISSUE AND I THINK WE'LL COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO THIS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, AND DO YOU THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE
12 VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE FOR SOUTHERN PACIFIC?

13

14 **CAPTAIN ANTHONY ARGOTT:** WELL I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEM, BUT THEY
15 WERE VERY RECEPTIVE TO US, YES MA'AM.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SEE, ALL RIGHT, COUNCIL WOMAN?

18

19 **COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK
20 YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND YOUR STAFF FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE
21 RESPONSE AND DEPLOYMENT OF ANY RESOURCES THAT WE NEEDED. YOU
22 MADE ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US, AND WE REALLY DO, ON
23 BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, REALLY THANK YOU FOR THAT. AS
24 YOU SAID, I'D ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THIS,



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1 BECAUSE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THEIR RESPONSE AND THEIR EXPERT
2 RESPONSE TO THIS, WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT A VERY DIFFERENT
3 SCENARIO. THAT IS MY FIRM BELIEF, BECAUSE WE HAD A NUMBER OF
4 SITUATIONS THAT WERE HAPPENING OUT THERE: LIVE WIRES, GAS, AND
5 PIPELINES. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL, IF THERE IS ANY POSITIVE OUT
6 OF THIS, THAT THERE WERE NO LIVES LOST AND NO MAJOR INJURIES.
7 AS YOU KNOW, THE CITY OF COMMERCE IS VERY, VERY UPSET AND
8 ANGRY AT THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO NOTIFICATION, BECAUSE WE
9 DO PRIDE OURSELVES IN OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS AND
10 TRAINING, AND WE WERE NOT GIVEN ANY NOTIFICATION. WE MET LAST
11 WEEK, CONGRESSWOMAN ROYBEL ALLARD WAS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND MET
12 ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISPLACED, AND SHE
13 HEARD FIRSTHAND FROM THEM WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THEIR LIVES. I
14 THINK WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT ADDRESSING THE ISSUES. ONE THING
15 THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID HERE IS WE'RE DEALING WITH FAMILIES IN
16 OUR CITY -- YOU'RE NOT JUST DISPLACED. OUR CITY IS A VERY
17 SMALL CITY, AND THEY MAY JUST BE DISPLACED COMPLETELY OUTSIDE
18 OF THEIR CITY, WHERE THEIR HOMES WHERE THEIR CHILDREN WERE
19 BORN WERE DESTROYED. AND TO HEAR THEIR STORIES OF THEIR
20 CHILDREN, THE ONES THAT ARE BACK IN THEIR HOMES, THEY DON'T
21 WANT TO SLEEP IN THEIR BEDROOMS ANYMORE, THEY HAVE NIGHTMARES
22 OF THE TRAINS COMING INTO THEIR HOUSES, AND THESE PEOPLE ARE
23 SAYING TO US, "WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE MONEY, WE DON'T CARE
24 ABOUT THEIR OFFERS, WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THESE THINGS; JUST
25 GIVE US OUR LITTLE HOUSE BACK. WE'LL EVEN LIVE WITH THE



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1 RAILROAD." AND THIS IS THE HUMAN SIDE OF WHAT WE'RE DEALING
2 WITH IN OUR CITY. WE'RE A VERY CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY, AND WE
3 WOULD REALLY LIKE TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN IN
4 ANYBODY ELSE'S COMMUNITY AS WELL. AS I SAID, WE -- THE BRIGHT
5 SPOT IS NOBODY WAS KILLED, NOBODY DIED. WE CALL OURSELVES THE
6 MODEL CITY, BUT WE'RE NOW REFERRING TO OURSELVES AS THE
7 MIRACLE CITY, BECAUSE IT IS TRULY A MIRACLE THAT NOBODY LOST
8 THEIR LIFE OR WAS -- RECEIVED ANY MAJOR INJURIES. AND AGAIN, I
9 WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF, WHO'S BEEN
10 WONDERFUL WITH OUR CITY IN PROVIDING US WHATEVER WE'VE NEEDED
11 AND WE DO THANK YOU AND ALL THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN
12 INVOLVED IN DEALING WITH THIS TRAGEDY THAT HAS OCCURRED IN OUR
13 CITY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT
16 WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE, BECAUSE IT COULD HAVE BEEN REALLY
17 RATHER TRAGIC, AND SO -- BUT AGAIN, I THINK THAT NOTIFICATION
18 IS SOMETHING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, AND IF ANY OF YOU HAVE
19 EVER FLOWN OVER THE CITY OF COMMERCE, YOU KNOW THAT ALMOST 90%
20 OF IT IS INDUSTRIAL, AND RAILWAY ROUTES THAT GO ALL THROUGH
21 IT, BUT THERE IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA THAT LIVES ALL ALONGSIDE
22 IT, AND THEY'VE HAD A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BUSINESS
23 COMMUNITY THERE. IT'S PART OF THE PARTNERSHIP THAT THEY HAVE,
24 AND THAT'S WHY I'M HOPEFUL THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE VOLUNTARY
25 COMPLIANCE. I AM BRINGING IN A MOTION THAT IS GOING TO TRY AND



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1 SEEK FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO MANDATE IT, BUT THERE'S
2 NOTHING BETTER THAT WE WOULD HAVE A SITUATION HERE IN WHICH
3 THERE WOULD BE VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AND NOT NEED TO HAVE THIS
4 KIND OF MANDATE PUT IN PLACE. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE
5 HOPING TO PULL THAT THROUGH. CHIEF FREEMAN, I KNOW YOU'RE A
6 LITTLE LATE, I DON'T WANT TO RUSH YOU, BUT DID YOU WANT TO ADD
7 ANYTHING TO IT?

8

9 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** WELL CERTAINLY WE'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE CITY OF
10 COMMERCE FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE OUTREACH TO THEIR CITIZENS.
11 CERTAINLY THE RESPONSE OF LOCAL SHERIFF AND FIRE WAS TIMELY,
12 ONCE WE RECEIVED THE 911 CALL, AND ALL THE RESOURCES THAT WERE
13 SENT COULD ONLY BE GATHERED TOGETHER, YOU KNOW, BY AN
14 ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE -- THAT THE COUNTY REPRESENTS AND
15 PROVIDES TO THE CITIZENS. IT'S TRULY A MIRACLE THAT THERE WERE
16 NOT SERIOUS INJURIES, LET ALONE FATALITIES. ON THE POSITIVE
17 SIDE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ALMOST FROM THE MOMENTS FOLLOWING
18 THE INCIDENT, WORKING WITH BOTH OF OUR COMMUNICATION CENTERS
19 AND ALSO THE RAILROAD INDUSTRIES. THERE IS A MEETING SCHEDULED
20 FOR THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE AND TO
21 TRY TO STREAMLINE THE PRE-NOTIFICATION IF IN THE UNLIKELY
22 EVENT THAT EVER AGAIN RAILCARS WERE TO GET LOOSE ON THE
23 TRACKS, THAT NOTIFICATION WOULD BE MADE IN A VERY TIMELY WAY
24 SO THAT EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT COULD TRY TO
25 COORDINATE WITH THE RAILROAD, TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THOSE



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1 CARS ARE HEADED TO SEE WHAT KINDS OF NOTIFICATIONS COULD BE
2 MADE TO -- AT LEAST DO SOME MINIMAL EVACUATION IN THE EVENT OF
3 A SIMILAR DERAILMENT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT, AGAIN, AT
6 THE NEXT MEETING OF THE E.O.C., THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO
7 TAKE THIS AS A EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, AND MAYBE START
8 GETTING THE VOICE OF ALL OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS IN COLLABORATION
9 TO FIGURE OUT WHAT KIND OF A -- HOW EFFECTIVE THE
10 NOTIFICATION, SYSTEM. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. AGAIN, I WANT
11 TO COMMEND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND CERTAINLY THE FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT AS WELL. I THINK THAT THAT'S WHEN WE SEE THE VERY
13 BEST IN THE PEOPLE IN BOTH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS COME OUT. I
14 THINK THEY HANDLED EVERYTHING SO SWIFTLY AND SO -- YOU KNOW,
15 CAREFULLY, AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOTTEN THE THANKS FROM THE
16 CITY OF COMMERCE AS WELL AS A LOT OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE
17 NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY WERE VERY, VERY APPRECIATIVE. THE KIND OF
18 OUTREACH THAT WAS DONE, THE WAY EVERYTHING WAS HANDLED, THE
19 VERY PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH EVERYONE MOVED ON THIS AND
20 CONSIDERING HOW TRAGIC A SITUATION IT COULD HAVE BEEN. BUT IT
21 DID -- IT DID HAVE A TRAGIC CONSEQUENCE ON THOSE FAMILIES THAT
22 WERE DIRECTLY AFFECTED, AND MANY PEOPLE ALONG THE ROUTE, AND
23 SO WE NEED TO TAKE A PROACTIVE ACTION AT THIS POINT IN TIME,
24 I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE A MOTION, MY STAFF WILL PASS IT OUT,
25 AND THIS IS -- I'M NOT GOING TO, WELL, READ ALL OF THE



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1 "WHEREAS'S," BUT THE REALITY IS, IT TELLS US THAT WE DID NOT
2 RECEIVE A TIMELY NOTIFICATION, AND THIS IS A POTENTIAL FOR
3 GREAT DISASTER. SO WE ARE -- THE RAILROADS AT THIS POINT ARE,
4 I GUESS, LEGALLY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING NOTIFICATION
5 UNLESS IT'S SOME KIND OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR THINGS OF THAT
6 SORT, AND WE THINK THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE
7 CHANGED, SO CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE DIRECTING THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU TO PROVIDE TO US A
9 MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPOSED NOTIFICATION
10 PROTOCOL FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
11 OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, SUCH AS
12 REIMBURSEMENT OF COST AND SO ON. THERE WAS SOME COSTS THAT
13 BOTH THE DEPARTMENTS PUT OUT THAT NEED TO BE REIMBURSED, AND
14 SO IF YOU'D GIVE US MONTHLY UPDATES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.
15 AND ALSO TO DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO SEEK FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO
16 ADOPT A REVISED NOTIFICATION PROTOCOLS, IF APPLICABLE, TO
17 AVOID SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE. AGAIN, HOPEFULLY WE
18 WOULDN'T NEED A FEDERAL MANDATE. WE'RE GOING TO SEE VOLUNTARY
19 COMPLIANCE, BUT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO HAVE UNIFORMITY
20 ACROSS THE BOARD AS TO HOW WE'RE NOTIFIED, AND I THINK THAT
21 THIS ALSO SPEAKS TO THE POTENTIAL OF ANY KIND OF TERRORIST
22 ACT. IF OUR RAILROADS AND ALL THOSE ARE NOT SECURED AREAS,
23 THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT. SO THAT IS A
24 MOTION THAT I HAVE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND AGAIN, WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR
4 PARTICIPATION AND HOW YOU HANDLED EVERYTHING SO VERY WELL.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO DO CALL ITEM 23 ONE MORE TIME.
11 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL? ALL RIGHT. THEN IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
12 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM --
13 I'LL CONCLUDE, AND THEN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU WANT TO
14 TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 46. YOU MAY WANT TO DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS
15 FIRST.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT. I'D ASK THAT WE
18 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSE MANUEL ROMERO, WHO PASSED AWAY
19 ON JUNE 25TH AT THE AGE OF 85. HE'S THE GRANDFATHER OF ONE OF
20 MY STAFF MEMBERS, YOLANDA VALDEZ. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
21 WIFE, GREGORIA CASTRO ROMERO, SEVEN CHILDREN, 18
22 GRANDCHILDREN, AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THAT'S ALL I HAVE
23 IN THE WAY OF ADJOURNMENTS.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M HOLDING ITEM 46, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THE
3 STAFF, MR. SHUMSKY, TO COME FORWARD AND MY SUGGESTION, MADAM
4 CHAIR, IS THAT WE HAVE A REPORT FIRST AND THEN WE HEAR FROM
5 THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD. I THINK THERE ARE SOME
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANT TO BE HEARD.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE ARE ABOUT 14 PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE
9 HEARD.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY?

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABOUT 14.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, DAVID, DO YOU WANT TO --

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17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, TWO WEEKS
18 AGO, ON A MOTION OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR BOARD ASKED
19 US TO RETURN WITH OPTIONS TO THE CURRENT INCARCERATION OF
20 ABOUT 40 JUVENILES IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND THESE ARE YOUTHS
21 THAT ARE BEING TRIED AS ADULTS. THERE ARE ABOUT 150 IN THE
22 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND CERTAINLY THE PROBATION OFFICER CAN
23 TALK MORE ABOUT THAT, BUT WE HAVE PROVIDED FIVE ALTERNATIVES
24 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. EVERYTHING FROM EXPANDING PROGRAMS AT
25 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL TO ADDING BEDS AT TWIN TOWERS, CONTRACTING



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1 WITH THE YOUTH AUTHORITY IN NORWALK, CONTRACTING WITH THE CITY
2 OF SANTA ANA JAIL, WHO PROVIDE SIMILAR SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY
3 OF ORANGE, AND ALSO EXPANDING AND HARDENING PART OF THE BARRY
4 NIDORF JUVENILE HALL IN SYLMAR. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOU
5 AUTHORIZE US AND DIRECT US TO CONTRACT WITH THE YOUTH
6 AUTHORITY, WHO HAS A FACILITY IN WHITTIER, 50 BEDS ARE
7 AVAILABLE IN A SEPARATE WING. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING TO AND
8 WORKING WITH THE STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS STAFF. THEY'RE
9 COMFORTABLE WITH A COUPLE OF THESE ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING
10 CONTRACTING WITH YOUTH AUTHORITY, AND THAT IS OUR
11 RECOMMENDATION. IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION. THE SHERIFF
12 IS CURRENTLY SPENDING ABOUT \$900,000. WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE
13 TO SAVE SOME OF THAT, BUT WE JUST DON'T KNOW YET, AND WE THINK
14 WE COULD HAVE THE NEGOTIATION COMPLETED WITHIN ABOUT 30 DAYS.
15 RICHARD, DID YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING TO THE --

16

17 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** THE ONLY, THING I CAN ADD AT THIS POINT IS
18 I'VE TALKED TO JERRY HARPER, THE FORMER UNDER-SHERIFF WHO'S
19 NOW HEAD OF C.Y.A., AND HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT IS WE WANT, A
20 FULL SERVICE PROGRAM WITH MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, WITH
21 SCHOOL, AND WITH RECREATION, AND THAT'S VERY COMPATIBLE WITH
22 WHAT HIS VISION IS AS TO HOW THESE YOUNG MEN SHOULD BE HOUSED
23 PENDING THEIR ADULT HEARINGS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE COST, THE 1.2 MILLION IS A FULL
2 SERVICE -- IT'S A COST FOR A FULL SERVICE OR PROGRAM?

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, IT'S THE FULL SERVICE, INCLUDING THE
5 ESTIMATED COST OF TRANSPORTATION YES.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE MENTAL HEALTH AND THE EDUCATION?

8

9 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** AND A VERY AGGRESSIVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM
10 WITH GROUP COUNSELING.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO JUST MAKE A COUPLE
13 COMMENTS ON THIS, AND I HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO CIRCULATE THE
14 MOTION AND LET'S -- AT LEAST WE HAVE A POINT OF REFERENCE. I
15 WON'T READ THE RESOLVE, I'LL JUST -- I WANT TO MOVE THAT THE
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
17 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT, PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A
19 CONTRACT WITH CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY FOR HOUSING MINORS
20 THAT THE COURT DEEMS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR A JUVENILE FACILITY
21 AND FOR PROVIDING SUCH MINORS WITH APPROPRIATE EDUCATION,
22 RECREATION, SOCIAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. NOW, WHAT I
23 WANT TO ASK, IS A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT ARE ON PEOPLE'S
24 MINDS, AND TRY TO GET THE FACTS OUT HERE SO THAT WE HAVE A
25 BETTER BEAT ON THIS. FIRST OF ALL, I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME



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1 ASPECTS OF -- ONE OF THE MEMBERS I'VE HEARD MAY WANT TO
2 CONTINUE THIS I -- TO GET MORE ANSWERS, I WOULD URGE THAT WE
3 NOT CONTINUE IT, BUT THAT WE GO AHEAD AND INSTRUCT THEM TO
4 DEVELOP THE CONTRACT AND THEN BRING IT BACK HERE, AND IN THE
5 MEANTIME, GET THE QUESTIONS THAT WE ALL MAY HAVE ANSWERED SO
6 THAT WE DON'T LOSE ANY TIME ON THIS. AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A
7 BIT OF TIME TO IMPLEMENT THIS AND I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE LEAVING
8 YOURSELF 60 DAYS TO GET THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATED AND ALL. SO I
9 WOULD -- AND I THINK THAT'S PLENTY OF TIME TO GET THE
10 QUESTIONS ANSWERED, AND IF THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS SHOULD
11 IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT PROVE THAT WE WANT TO REVERSE COURSE OR
12 CHANGE COURSE, WE CAN ALWAYS DO THAT, BUT I DOUBT THAT WE'RE
13 GOING TO DO THAT. I THINK -- I ACTUALLY THINK THIS IS THE BEST
14 OF ALL THE OPTIONS WE HAVE FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW. IT'S CLOSE
15 IN, IT'S AS GOOD A SOLUTION FOR THE KIDS, THE YOUNG MEN THAT
16 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND FOR ALL CONCERNED, AND THERE'S A FULL
17 SERVICE PROGRAM. THE QUESTION THAT HAS ARISEN IS, THERE ARE --
18 RICHARD, I'D LIKE YOU TO ADDRESS IT SPECIFICALLY, THERE ARE
19 SOME 40 -- BETWEEN 40 AND 44 YOUNG MEN WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN
20 THE CENTRAL JAIL AT THIS POINT IN TIME WHO ARE IN THE SO-
21 CALLED UNFIT CATEGORY, PEOPLE BEING -- YOUNG MEN WHO -- MINORS
22 WHO ARE BEING TRIED AS ADULTS, BUT THERE ARE A HUNDRED OR MORE
23 TOTAL. IS THAT CORRECT? WHO ARE UNFIT, BUT MOST OF WHOM ARE
24 NOT HOUSED IN THE CENTRAL JAIL, WHO ARE IN YOUR JUVENILE
25 HALLS. IS THAT CORRECT?



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2 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES SIR, WE HAVE 110.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALTOGETHER INCLUDING THE --

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6 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** NO 150 APPROXIMATELY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF WHICH 40 OR 44 ARE IN THE CENTRAL JAIL

9 AND THE OTHER 110 ARE IN THE JUVENILE HALL?

10

11 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, SIR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE QUALITATIVELY,
14 BEHAVIORALLY AND ALL BETWEEN THE ONES THAT ARE IN CENTRAL JAIL
15 AND THE ONES IN THE JUVENILE HALL, OR, TO PUT IT DIFFERENTLY,
16 SOME PEOPLE SAY THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE, ALL 150 ARE THE SAME,
17 IT'S TOTALLY ARBITRARY WHY THESE 44 HAVE ENDED UP IN CENTRAL
18 JAIL AND THE OTHER 110 ARE IN JUVENILE HALL, AND THEY POINT TO
19 THE ARGUMENT THAT THEREFORE ALL OF THESE MINORS SHOULD BE IN
20 JUVENILE HALL, THERE'S NO REASON FOR A SINGLE ONE OF THEM TO
21 BE IN JAIL, IN THE CENTRAL JAIL. WELL HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO
22 THAT STATEMENT?

23

24 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** SIR, ABOUT A THIRD OF THE GROUP THAT'S
25 CURRENTLY HOUSED IN CENTRAL JAIL, WE PETITIONED THE COURT



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1 BASED UPON THEIR BEHAVIOR, WHETHER IT WAS GANG FIGHTS,
2 CONTRABAND, IT WAS USUALLY A COMBINATION OF BEHAVIORS WHICH
3 WERE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THEM BEING RETAINED IN JUVENILE HALL.
4 ANOTHER TWO-THIRDS WERE SENTENCED -- WERE REMANDED BY THE
5 JUDGE AFTER THE JUDGE MADE A FINDING, AND THAT FINDING WAS
6 THAT THEY REPRESENTED A DANGER TO THE PUBLIC AND A THREAT TO
7 OTHER INMATES, AND THEY MAKE THAT FINDING BASED ON THE RECORD.
8 THEY ARE -- THEY HAVE A REPORT FROM PROBATION, PLUS A SOCIAL
9 HISTORY, PLUS THE PREVIOUS RECORD, AND IF THE DISTRICT
10 ATTORNEY MAKES THAT RECOMMENDATION, AND THEN THE JUDGE
11 EVALUATES IT, AND THE YOUNGSTER IS REPRESENTED BY A PUBLIC
12 DEFENDER, AND IT'S A FULL HEARING BEFORE THAT YOUNGSTER IS
13 REMANDED TO COUNTY JAIL. SO IT'S PREDICATED UPON NOT ONLY THE
14 SERIOUSNESS OF THE CRIME, 87% OF THE MINORS IN JAIL ARE THERE
15 FOR MURDER OR ATTEMPT MURDER, BUT MORE THAN THAT, IT'S THE
16 TOTALITY OF THE SOCIAL HISTORY, THE PREVIOUS ARRESTS, AND A
17 COMBINATION OF FACTORS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO IT'S YOUR TESTIMONY THAT OF
20 THESE 150, DO NOT ALL POSE THE SAME KIND OF RISK TO ONE
21 ANOTHER, OR TO THE GUARDS OR TO THE PROBATION OFFICERS, THE
22 DEPUTY SHERIFFS OR WHOMEVER, THEY DON'T ALL POSE THE SAME
23 THREAT. IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, THAT IS CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S -- AND YOU MAKE THAT DECISION AND
3 THE COURTS AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKE THAT DECISION BASED
4 ON A RECORD OF BEHAVIOR AND EVIDENCE. IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** THAT'S CORRECT, SIR.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO ASK EITHER YOU OR MR.
9 JANSSEN ONE OTHER QUESTION. IN THE INTERIM, SAY, IT TAKES 60
10 DAYS TO NEGOTIATE THIS DEAL WITH THE YOUTH AUTHORITIES,
11 ASSUMING THE BOARD APPROVES IT, THAT 60 MORE DAYS THAT THESE
12 INMATES WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE OR BE RESIDENT IN CONDITIONS
13 WHICH WE WANT TO CHANGE, PRESUMABLY WE WANT TO CHANGE. IS
14 THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO IN THE INTERIM OR SHOULD DO? YOU
15 KNOW, I THINK MY STAFF MAY HAVE ASKED EARLIER, CAN THEY BE
16 MOVED TO TWIN TOWERS WITHOUT AN EXCESSIVE DISRUPTION OR COST
17 OR WHAT HAVE YOU FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD OF 30 TO 60 DAYS, TO
18 GET THEM OUT OF THIS ENVIRONMENT THAT THEY'RE IN NOW.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE DID HAVE THAT DISCUSSION WITH THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT. THE EASIEST TRANSITION WOULD BE TO TWIN TOWERS,
22 BUT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF FACILITY AND CHANGES TO
23 DO THAT, AND IT'S NOT -- IT'S NOT WITHOUT COST AND IT'S NOT AS
24 EASY TO DO AS WE HAD HOPED. WE CERTAINLY CAN TAKE ANOTHER LOOK



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1 AT THAT AND REPORT BACK TO YOU ON IT, BUT RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T
2 THINK THAT'S ENOUGH.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ASK THAT YOU AS A -- JUST AS A
5 SEPARATE FROM THIS, OR AS A PART OF THIS, THAT YOU GIVE US A
6 REPORT, PURSUE THAT A LITTLE FURTHER AND JUST GIVE US A REPORT
7 ON WHAT THE COST WOULD BE, IF YOU CAN GET THAT TO US NEXT WEEK
8 OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. MADAM CHAIR, I
9 JUST WANT TO SAY A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT THIS. IT'S AN
10 INTERESTING SUBJECT, AND -- BUT IT'S ALSO A COMPELLING
11 SUBJECT. AND FIRST OF ALL, FOR THOSE WHO SAY THAT -- AND THERE
12 ARE PEOPLE WHO I RESPECT A LOT, WHO SAY THAT NONE OF THESE
13 YOUNG MEN SHOULD BE IN A PRISON ENVIRONMENT OF ANY KIND, THEY
14 SHOULD ALL BE IN JUVENILE HALL, I HAVE TO SAY, I'D
15 RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE, BASED ON WHAT I KNOW AND WHAT WE'VE ALL
16 LEARNED AND GLEANED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THERE ARE SOME
17 REALLY BAD 17-YEAR-OLDS AND 16-YEAR-OLDS WHO ARE NOT ONLY A
18 DANGER TO SOCIETY, BUT A DANGER TO ONE ANOTHER. THERE'S BEEN
19 MORE THE PROBLEM THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THEY CAN'T KEEP THEIR
20 HANDS OFF ONE ANOTHER AND AS MR. SHUMSKY HAS SAID. JUST TO
21 GIVE YOU AN IDEA, YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT MINORS AS THOUGH
22 THEY WERE TODDLERS. THESE ARE YOUNG MEN WHO, IN MOST CASES,
23 HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF MURDER OR ATTEMPTED MURDER. ONE OF THEM A
24 PREVIOUS INMATE AT THE CENTRAL JAIL, I ASSUME, WAS THE YOUNG
25 MAN WHO MURDERED FORMER POLICE CHIEF PARKS' GRANDDAUGHTER, AND



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1 THAT IS WHAT -- THE KIND OF CRIME WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OVERLAID
2 WITH THE BEHAVIORAL ISSUE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CURRENT
3 CONDITIONS IN WHICH THESE 40 OR 44, HOWEVER MANY WE HAVE AT
4 ANY GIVEN TIME, FIND THEMSELVES, BY ALL ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING
5 THE STAFF AT THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS, AS I TOLD THE BOARD A
6 COUPLE WEEKS AGO, I SERVE ON THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS AS THE
7 GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE, I KNOW THE STAFF, THE STAFF CALLED ME AS
8 A HEAD'S UP, AND TOM MCCONNELL WHO IS A STRAIGHT ARROW
9 PROFESSIONAL SAID THAT IF HE'S ASKED, BASED ON WHAT HE KNOWS
10 AND WHAT HE'S OBSERVED AT THE CENTRAL JAIL HE WOULD SAY THAT
11 WE WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE, AND FOR TOM MCCONNELL TO SAY THAT
12 TO ME, GOT MY ATTENTION. NOT THAT ANYTHING ELSE WOULDN'T HAVE
13 GOT MY ATTENTION BUT HE'S NOT PRONE TO EXAGGERATION. SO WE
14 NEED TO MAKE A MOVE AND WE NEED TO MAKE A MOVE QUICKLY,
15 BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE MOVE, EITHER THE HARD WAY OR
16 THE EASY WAY, AND WE OUGHT TO DO IT ON OUR TERMS, AND I THINK
17 THIS IS THE BEST COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT THAT OUR PROFESSIONALS,
18 MR. SHUMSKY AND MR. JANSSEN AND THE OTHERS THAT THEY'VE WORKED
19 WITH ON THIS HAVE COME UP WITH. AND WE NEED TO MOVE AND WE
20 NEED TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY. I'M CONCERNED, FRANKLY, THAT IF WE
21 WAIT 60 DAYS, THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE VULNERABLE, AND I THINK
22 AT LEAST WE NEED TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO SEE, THAT'S WHY I ASKED
23 YOU DAVID, IF YOU COULD LOOK INTO THIS, TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO
24 IN THE INTERIM. IF WE CAN'T, WE OUGHT TO. 60 DAYS IS A LONG
25 TIME TO KEEP PEOPLE NO MATTER WHAT THEY'RE ACCUSED OF IN THE



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1 KIND OF ENVIRONMENT THAT THEY NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN. SO I
2 THINK THAT'S THE BALANCE, AND THIS IS BOTH COST EFFECTIVE AND
3 POLICY EFFECTIVE, TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY OF THIS CAN BE POLICY
4 EFFECTIVE, DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL
5 WITH. I WANT TO THANK RICHARD AND DAVID AND THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT, AND MY STAFF AND THE OTHER STAFFS OF THE BOARD
7 OFFICES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THIS. SO I'M DONE AND THERE'S
8 A MOTION ON THE TABLE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE MOTION. I
13 JUST WOULD ASK CONCURRENTLY, THOUGH, SINCE BOTH THESE
14 FACILITIES ARE LOCATED IN MY DISTRICT, IN CONTACTING BOTH OF
15 THE CITIES, OBVIOUSLY THERE WAS NOT AN AWARENESS OF THIS
16 POTENTIAL TRANSFER. EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NO STATUTORY CONTROL
17 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE AVAILABLE BEDS,
18 THERE'S ALSO BEEN A REDUCTION IN SECURITY, SO I THINK IF I
19 COULD GET CONCURRENTLY ONE, THE ISSUE OF THE LEVEL OF
20 SECURITY, TWO, THE RISK ASSESSMENT AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
21 POTENTIAL TRANSFERS TO EITHER ONE OF THE FACILITIES, EITHER
22 THE RECEPTION CENTER IN NORWALK OR FRED AND ELLIS IN WHITTIER,
23 AND WE CAN GET THAT CONCURRENT WITH THESE NEGOTIATIONS, I
24 THINK, AND JUST SORT OF F.Y.I., KEEP THE CITY MANAGERS IN THE
25 LOOP ON THIS THING SO THAT THERE'S NOT THESE, I MEAN THESE



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1 KINDS OF THINGS CREATE THESE RAMPANT RUMORS. IF YOU REMEMBER
2 WE WENT THROUGH THIS WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE CAMP REAL ESTATE
3 HOSPITAL IN LANNERMAN AND METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL IN
4 NORWALK AND, YOU KNOW, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, IF WE CAN BE
5 INCLUSIVE IN THIS PROCESS, I THINK WE'LL ALL BE OKAY. BOTH
6 FACILITIES HAVE BEEN GOOD NEIGHBORS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AND
7 BEEN VERY SECURE, BUT THEIR IMMEDIATE CONCERN WITH JUST THE
8 FACT THAT THERE ARE THESE BEDS AVAILABLE. THERE'S ALSO BEEN A
9 REDUCTION IN SECURITY, AND SO WILL IT BE HEIGHTENED, AND, YOU
10 KNOW, THE APPROPRIATE SECURITY BE ALIGNED, BECAUSE AS ZEV
11 INDICATED, I MEAN SOME OF THESE ARE BAD KIDS AND THE
12 APPROPRIATE SECURITY IS NECESSARY.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE WILL DO THAT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND THEN I WILL --
17 WE HAVE SOME 14 PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK. AND SUPERVISOR
18 MOLINA.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE -- RICHARD, THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS,
21 THEY HAVE STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN
22 COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS?

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24 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** IN THE JAIL, SIR?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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3 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** I THINK WHAT THEY SAID AT THE LAST MEETING
4 WAS THAT WE BARELY MET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. I DON'T THINK
5 THAT'S A TERM OF ART, BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE HAVE MET THEM BUT?

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9 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** THEY'RE CLEARLY NOT SATISFIED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROPOSAL IS TO CONTRACT FOR 40 BEDS, BUT
12 CURRENTLY THE SHERIFF IS PROVIDING 44 BEDS, SO WHAT IS THE
13 DIFFERENCE FOR THE ADDITIONAL FOUR BEDS IN PRICE?

14

15 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** WE HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 45, BY AGREEMENT WITH
16 THE SHERIFFS. CURRENTLY WE HAD 40, I THINK THE AVERAGE IS
17 AROUND 37 AND 38. WE TRY TO KEEP SOME BEDS IN RESERVE SO THAT
18 IF SOMETHING HAPPENS WE ARE ABLE TO EXPEDITIOUSLY MOVE SOME
19 MINORS TO THE JAIL. SO WE TRY TO KEEP IT UNDER THE 44
20 CONSTANTLY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHERE WILL THESE FUNDS OF \$1.2 MILLION BE
23 COMING FROM?

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1 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** IF I UNDERSTAND IT, IT COMES OUT OF THE
2 PROBATION FUND BALANCE, WHICH, FOR -- FOR THE JUST CLOSED
3 FISCAL YEAR.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT?

7

8 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** NONE, OTHER THAN THEY DON'T HAVE TO EXPEND
9 THE REVENUE THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO HOUSE THESE 40 OR SO
10 KIDS.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WERE THOSE REVENUES BEING REIMBURSED BY
13 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO.

16

17 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** NO, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE YOUTH AUTHORITY HAVE SPACE CURRENTLY
20 AVAILABLE?

21

22 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES SIR. THEY'VE EXPERIENCED A DECLINE IN
23 POPULATION, SO THEY DO HAVE THE SPACE.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO THEY HAVE AN ENHANCED MENTAL HEALTH
2 PROGRAM?

3

4 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES SIR. JERRY HARPER HAS A VERY AGGRESSIVE
5 PLAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, AND THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS
6 THAT HE'S IMPROVED UPON GREATLY IN THE TWO YEARS THAT HE'S
7 BEEN THERE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY CAN HOUSE BOTH MALE AND FEMALE?

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11 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** WE'RE TALKING JUST MALE AND THAT'S A GOOD
12 POINT. I THINK THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO HOUSE THE FEMALES,
13 BECAUSE WE HAVE VERY FEW, AND IF WE HAVE A PARTICULARLY
14 DIFFICULT FEMALE, IF IT'S ONE OR TWO OR THREE, THEN WE CAN
15 HANDLE THAT AT THE JUVENILE HALL LEVEL, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HOW MANY FEMALES DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE?

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19 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** I THINK TWO, BUT I'D HAVE TO --

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO HOUSE A SMALL
22 NUMBER OF FEMALES?

23



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1 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, SIR. IN FACT, WE TALK ONE PEOPLE BACK
2 FROM JAIL BECAUSE OUR FACILITIES I THINK WERE BETTER SUITED TO
3 -- FOR KEEPING HER.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHOULD THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALSO
6 CONTRACT WITH THE YOUTH AUTHORITY FOR THE 110 UNFIT JUVENILES
7 YOU HAVE CURRENTLY AT THE BARRY NIDORF FACILITY?

8

9 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** NO, I THINK WE'D HAVE TO DO A FISCAL ANALYSIS
10 OF THAT. THE 110 THAT WE HAVE I THINK WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL,
11 WE HAVE EXTENSIVE WRITING AND READING PROGRAMS. WE'RE QUITE
12 PROUD OF THE WORK WE'VE DONE. WE'RE CONCERNED FROM A SECURITY
13 STANDPOINT AND THE BOARD ALLOCATED, I THINK, \$1.8 MILLION FOR
14 HARDENING OF BARRY J. NIDORF, AND THAT'LL BE COMPLETED IN
15 AUGUST, SO I THINK WE CAN HANDLE 110 SAFELY, SIR, AND AS I
16 SAID, I THINK WE'RE DOING A GOOD JOB WITH THEM.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS SAID THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE
19 ALTERNATIVE TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WAS TO
20 ALLOW FOR MORE CELL TIME AND INCREASE EDUCATIONAL
21 OPPORTUNITIES. WHY WAS THIS ALTERNATIVE NOT EXPLORED?

22

23 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** WELL I THINK THEY'RE NOT, AND THE SHERIFFS
24 ARE HERE, I THINK THEY'RE JUST NOT DESIGNED FOR OUT OF CELL
25 RECREATION. I THINK THEY HAVE VERY LIMITED SPACE FOR THE



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1 JUVENILE. OBVIOUSLY THERE HAS TO BE SIGHT AND SOUND
2 SEPARATION, WHICH IS PROBLEMATIC AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. RIGHT
3 IT'S A -- THE FACILITY IS DESCRIBED AS AMONGST THE OLDEST, AND
4 IT IS DANK AND DARK.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DO WE HAVE 110 UNFIT AT SYLMAR?

7

8 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** AS OPPOSED TO JAIL?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

11

12 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** WELL IT'S PREDICATED UPON THEIR BEHAVIOR AND
13 A DETERMINATION BY THE JUDGE. IN ORDER TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE
14 HOUSING AND JUVENILE, THE JUDGE HAS TO MAKE A VERY SPECIFIC
15 FINDING ON THE RECORD THAT THEY REPRESENT A THREAT TO THE
16 PUBLIC AND A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF OTHER INMATES AND STAFF.
17 ABSENT THAT FINDING, THEY MUST REMAIN IN JUVENILE HALL.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD BE
20 CONTRACTED FOR WITH THE C.Y.A.? TO HOUSE THEM?

21

22 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** IT CERTAINLY IS A POSSIBILITY AND A VIABLE
23 POSSIBILITY, SIR. AGAIN, I THINK WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO DO
24 A FISCAL ANALYSIS AND --

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU, I MEAN DO THAT AND GIVE US A
2 REPORT BACK IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS? THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL, I'M SURPRISED THAT C.Y.A. HAS ROOM.
7 I MEAN IN THE PAST IT'S NOT HAD ROOM. SO THAT'S ONE
8 DIFFERENCE. BUT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND OF THE ALTERNATIVES
9 THAT WERE REVIEWED. THE FIRST ONE, OF COURSE, IS MEN'S CENTRAL
10 JAIL, WHICH COSTS US 951,000 NOW FOR AS-IS, AND THAT'S THE
11 CONDITIONS WE'RE TRYING TO ALLEVIATE. DO I UNDERSTAND THE
12 SECOND ALTERNATIVE IS THE ONE WHERE YOU WOULD ADD \$324,000 AND
13 YOU WOULD HAVE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF MEN'S
14 CENTRAL JAIL? IS THAT WHAT THAT IS?

15

16 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, I BELIEVE IT IS, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT. THEY WOULD STAY IN THE
19 SAME CELLS, THEY WOULD TRY TO -- THEY'D ADD A COUPLE OF
20 ADDITIONAL STAFF, BUT THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, FOR
21 EXAMPLE, FOR THE \$1.2 MILLION, HALF AN HOUR IS ALL THAT
22 THEY'RE ABLE TO HANDLE. IT JUST -- THE CELLS THEMSELVES,
23 THERE'S NO LIGHT, AND YOU OBVIOUSLY CAN'T BUILD JAILS, YOU
24 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE FOR YEARS, WITHOUT THE CELLS TO HAVE LIGHT.
25 IT'S JUST A TERRIBLE FACILITY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL AGAIN, I GUESS THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE
3 QUESTION AS TO WHAT THE TRADE-OFF IS HERE. THEN LET ME
4 UNDERSTAND ON SHERIFF'S TWIN TOWERS. NOW, THAT IS ALREADY
5 AVAILABLE. IS THERE ROOM THERE? IS THERE ROOM?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO -- AND BECAUSE WE'RE BUYING IT PER BED, IF,
10 TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, THREE MONTHS FROM NOW, THERE'S A NUMBER OF
11 JUVENILES THAT NEED TO GO IN HERE, 14, 22, DO WE ADD -- BUY
12 MORE BEDS? IS THAT WHAT THE INTENTION IS?

13

14 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** WE COULD, SUPERVISOR. DO YOU MEAN WITH THE
15 CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY CONTRACT?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

18

19 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE US A RATE, AND
20 IT'S A DECLINING RATE AFTER THE FIRST NUMBER, I THINK 24.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER, I MEAN BECAUSE
23 THERE'S NO LIMIT IN THE NUMBER OF BEDS AT TWIN TOWERS TO MAKE
24 THESE IMPROVEMENTS? NOW AS FAR AS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, I
25 DON'T KNOW IF YOU COULD ENHANCE THAT SOMEWHAT, BECAUSE MY



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1 CONCERN IS THAT ON C.Y.A., THIS IS THE INTENTION, RIGHT, 240
2 MINUTES OF EDUCATION, UP TO FOUR HOURS OF RECREATIONAL MENTAL
3 HEALTH AND WHATEVER. THAT'S NICE, BUT THEY GOT THE SAME RULES
4 AS YOU DO. THESE GUYS JUMP EACH OTHER, THEY GO BACK INTO THEIR
5 CELLS. SO MUCH FOR 240 MINUTES OR THE FOUR HOURS. ISN'T THAT
6 CORRECT?

7

8 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, THERE'S SOME TIMES WHEN ANY PENAL
9 INSTITUTION HAS TO RUN ON A LOCKDOWN, YOU'RE RIGHT SUPERVISOR.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXACTLY. SO I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE BENEFIT
12 OF JUST CONTRACTING OUT. IS IT TO GET THEM OUT OF OUR HAIR AND
13 SOMEBODY ELSE'S RESPONSIBILITY?

14

15 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY BE DIRECT, I THINK YOUTH
16 AUTHORITY HAS THE EXPERIENCE OF WORKING WITH MINORS. I THINK
17 THE MIND SET AND THE PROGRAMMATIC THEORIES ARE DIFFERENT. I
18 THINK THE CULTURE IS THERE TO RUN A PROGRAM FOR THESE TYPES OF
19 MINORS OUTSIDE OF THEIR ROOMS AND CELLS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT. I MEAN THESE
22 -- THE JUDGE HAS CONCLUDED THAT THESE 15 TO 17-YEAR-OLDS ARE
23 PRETTY DANGEROUS KIDS, AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, THEY WANT THEM
24 HOUSED IN A VERY SECURE FACILITY. MY CONCERN IS, I DON'T SEE
25 THIS NUMBER GOING DOWN IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER, SO IT JUST --



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1 WOULDNT IT SEEM TO MAKE MORE SENSE -- I'M JUST ASKING. I'M
2 NOT SO SURE THAT I SUPPORT THIS EITHER; I'M JUST ASKING THE
3 QUESTION. I MEAN, IT PROBABLY IS BETTER TO GET THEM AND PUT
4 THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE, BUT THE ISSUE IS, WHY NOT -- I MEAN, WHAT
5 WAS YOUR ANALYSIS WHEN YOU LOOKED AT THESE TWO OPTIONS? MAKE
6 THE IMPROVEMENTS AT TWIN TOWERS WHERE YOU HAVE THE GLASS
7 CELLS, WHERE YOU HAVE IMPROVED ABILITY TO VIEW THESE -- THE
8 KIDS, TO CREATE THIS -- I THINK THE PROGRAMS COULD BE
9 ESTABLISHED THERE AS WELL. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I'M CONCERNED
10 THAT WE ARE JUST CONTRACTING OUT. AND WHAT HAPPENS ON
11 LIABILITY ISSUES THAT GO ON OUT THERE AS WELL? DOES THAT
12 TRANSFER TO THE STATE?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** FROM I -- I THINK THEY HAVE ADDRESSED THAT.
15 LET ME SAY TWO THINGS, SUPERVISOR, FROM MY STANDPOINT. ONE, IT
16 IS A CHEAPER ALTERNATIVE, ALBEIT ONLY A COUPLE OF HUNDRED
17 THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT IT IS CHEAPER. AND THE OTHER THING THAT
18 CONCERNED ME ABOUT THE TWIN TOWERS IS IN THE COMMENT SECTION
19 OF OUR MATRIX. THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD ALSO ENABLE THE ADDITION
20 OF HANDCUFFED, LOOPS, EYELETS WELDED INTO THE DAYROOM SEATS,
21 THEREBY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUVENILES IN THE DAYROOM.
22 THEY ALSO FEEL IT'S NECESSARY TO BUILD ADDITIONAL CELLS IN THE
23 DAYROOM AT TWIN TOWERS. THAT, TO ME, IS NOT REALLY A GOOD
24 SOLUTION, FRANKLY. I THINK THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, WHO HAS THEY
25 HAVE -- ALL THEY HAVE IS 50 BEDS, SO IF WE GO OVER 50, WE



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1 WILL, IN FACT, HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM, BUT THEY DO HAVE 50, AND
2 WE HAVEN'T APPROACHED 50 YET. SO FOR THOSE TWO REASONS, I
3 THOUGHT THAT WHY IT WAS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE ON THE LIABILITY,
4 DO WE KNOW? THE ANSWER IS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE PART OF THE
5 NEGOTIATIONS, BUT, I MEAN, THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF THE KIDS, IT
6 WOULD HAVE TO BE THEIR LIABILITY.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING, THE QUESTION
9 I DON'T KNOW --

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT AGAIN, AS IN YOUR ANALYSIS RIGHT NOW, THIS IS
14 EFFECTIVE AS LONG AS WE STAY UNDER THE 40 TO 45 BEDS.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** UNDER 50.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** UNDER 50.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, CORRECT. AND IF IT DOESN'T WORK,
21 SUPERVISOR, I MEAN, TWIN TOWERS IS ALWAYS, THERE AVAILABLE.
22 WE'RE NOT PAYING ANYTHING ADDITIONAL AT YOUTH AUTHORITY FOR
23 THEM TO MODIFY, SO IT REALLY IS --

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, AGAIN, I CAN APPRECIATE THE C.Y.A. DOING
2 THIS, I CAN APPRECIATE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND THEIR ABILITY TO
3 DO SO, BUT MY CONCERN IS THE ISSUES THAT ARE BEING
4 INVESTIGATED ARE POTENTIALLY INVESTIGATED BY SENATOR ROMERO'S
5 OFFICE AND BY HER COMMITTEE THAT IS GOING TO BE OVER-VIEWING
6 THIS AND REVIEWING IT OVERALL, IT DEALS WITH THE ISSUES OF
7 WHAT'S HAPPENING EACH DAY WITH THESE KIDS, AND SO
8 CONSEQUENTLY, I'M NOT SO SURE THAT WE'RE TRADING A SITUATION
9 THAT IS GOING TO ADDRESS IT. C.Y.A., WHILE IT HAS MORE
10 EXPERIENCE, SO, I MEAN, SOMETIMES OUR JUVENILES ARE BETTER OFF
11 IN OUR PROBATION CAMPS AND GETTING TRANSFERRED OVER TO C.Y.A.
12 I KNOW THAT WE HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF -- [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** -- WE HAVE ON AWFUL LOT OF FAITH IN MR. HARPER.
15 HE CERTAINLY HAS LED US WELL HERE, AND HE HAS PROBABLY MADE
16 SOME DRAMATIC CHANGES, BUT I DO THINK THIS IS A SHORTSIGHTED
17 APPROACH, BECAUSE I'M NOT SO SURE THAT THESE ARE THE KIND OF
18 KIDS THAT, UNLESS YOU REALLY HAVE SOME REAL -- I DON'T KNOW
19 WHAT YOU NEED -- TO GET THEM INTO 240 MINUTES OF EDUCATION A
20 DAY. WE HAVE THAT PROBLEM RIGHT NOW WITH REGULAR PROBATIONERS,
21 TO KEEP THEM IN THE CLASSROOM. I MEAN, THREE QUARTERS OF THEM
22 WALK OUT WHENEVER THEY FEEL LIKE IT, AND IT'S HARD TO DEAL
23 WITH THERE, AND THEY'RE LIGHTWEIGHT CRIMINALS COMPARED TO
24 THESE KIDS. SO I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IT. I THINK IT HAS TO BE
25 WITH A LIABILITY. IF WE'RE GOING TO CONTRACT OUT, THEY GOT



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1 THEM HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER, IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. I
2 DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT LATER ON WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME
3 RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO THE ISSUES. IF THEY'RE GOING
4 TO TAKE CARE OF THEM THEN THEY HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
5 LIABILITY ASPECTS OF IT AS WELL. BUT I DO THINK THAT WE'RE
6 GOING TO HAVE A PROBLEM IF NEXT YEAR YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK
7 TO US AND SAY WE NEED TO EXPAND THE CONTRACT AND ADD 30 MORE
8 BEDS OR FIND ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE, THEN WE SHOULD HAVE GONE
9 WITH THE ORIGINAL AND TRY AND FIND A WAY TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE
10 KIND OF PROGRAMS AND MAYBE LOOK AT THE TWIN TOWERS. BUT SO I'M
11 JUST ASKING QUESTIONS AS TO HOW YOU ANALYZE THESE VARIOUS
12 OPTIONS.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, AND TWIN TOWERS, AS I SAID IS AVAILABLE
15 AS AN ALTERNATIVE, IF FOR SOME REASON THIS DOESN'T WORK OUT IT
16 REALLY HASN'T COST US ANYTHING ADDITIONAL. THEY'RE ALL ABOUT
17 THE SAME COST TO THE COUNTY. AND, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF -- WE
18 HAVE HAD OUR OWN INVESTIGATIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN
19 L.A. COUNTY, SO AND WE'RE NOT -- THE STATE ISN'T THE ONLY ONE
20 THAT HAS THOSE KINDS OF CHALLENGES AND PROBLEMS, WE'VE HAD
21 THEM AS WELL, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CERTAINLY WILL INSIST
22 IN DEVELOPING THE CONTRACT WITH THEM THAT THE OVERSIGHT IS
23 THERE AND THEY ARE DOING WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO
2 HEAR FROM SENATOR ROMERO'S REPRESENTATIVE. SUPERVISOR KNABE
3 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THEN I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF
4 QUESTIONS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, IF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WOULDN'T
7 MIND I'D LIKE JUST TO AMEND HIS MOTION SO THAT WE -- EVERYONE
8 IS AWARE THAT CONCURRENTLY WE'RE COMING BACK WITH THOSE
9 REPORTS ON THE LEVEL OF SECURITY, THE RISK ASSESSMENT, AND THE
10 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH AND AS AN
11 AMENDMENT, A FORMAL AMENDMENT TO HIS MOTION, IF YOU THINK.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THAT'S -- AMENDMENT IS ACCEPTED.
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH THE EXISTING MINORS THAT ARE IN CUSTODY,
17 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT EACH OF THOSE COURT ORDERS WOULD
18 HAVE TO BE AMENDED BECAUSE THE COURT ORDERS STATE THAT THE
19 INDIVIDUAL HAS TO BE HOUSED IN AN ADULT FACILITY?

20

21 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, SIR, WE WOULD HAVE TO INFORM THE COURT
22 AND SEEK THEIR PERMISSION.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF A FUTURE JUDGE ORDERS THE MINOR TO BE
2 IN AN ADULT FACILITY, REGARDLESS OF ANY CONTRACT WE HAVE WITH
3 THE C.Y.A., THEN WE WOULD COMPLY WITH THAT COURT ORDER?

4

5 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** I BELIEVE YOU'RE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE WOULD STILL HAVE THAT -- THE PROBLEM
8 AND THE SHERIFF WOULD STILL HAVE TO MAINTAIN THOSE FACILITIES
9 OR SOME OF THOSE FACILITIES.

10

11 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** WILL I? OF COURSE. I DON'T THINK THAT THE
12 JUDGES -- I THINK IF THEY WOULD SEE YOUTH AUTHORITY AS A GOOD
13 ALTERNATIVE, SIR, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, WOULD HAVE TO WORK WITH
14 THE COURTS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO THE JUDGES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SEND A
17 YOUNG PERSON DIRECTLY TO YOUTH AUTHORITY PRIOR TO THE TRIAL,
18 OR IS IT ONLY AFTER THE TRIAL TAKES PLACE THAT THEY HAVE THE
19 AUTHORITY TO SEND THEM TO YOUTH AUTHORITY.

20

21 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** IF THE -- FOR A DISPOSITION OF YOUTH
22 AUTHORITY?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH.

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1 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, IT WOULD BE AFTER.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WOULD HAVE TO BE AFTER THE TRIAL, SO
4 THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY.

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6 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES, THIS WOULD BE JUST A HOUSING -- A
7 TEMPORARY HOUSING SITUATION AND THEY WOULD BE GOING TO THEIR
8 ADULT COURT TRIAL AND THEN SENTENCING.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I GUESS WHAT MY QUESTION IS THAT THESE ARE
11 ALL YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THE JUDGE HAS LOOKED AT THE SITUATION
12 AND HAS MADE THE DETERMINATION THAT THEY NEED SOME
13 EXTRAORDINARY PLACEMENT.

14

15 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT THE PLACEMENT WAS CONSISTENT WITH
18 WHAT ORDINARILY THEY WOULD BE PLACING PEOPLE PENDING TRIAL, SO
19 THE JUDGES HAVE YOU -- THEY HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS AS FAR
20 AS AN APPROACH.

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22 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** NO, THEY MAKE THE FINDING, YOU'RE CORRECT,
23 EVEN WHEN WE --

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE COURTS
2 THAT ARE?

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4 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** NO SUPERVISOR, WE REALLY HAVEN'T BUT WE WILL,
5 I'M JUST QUITE CONFIDENT THAT THE COURTS WOULD SEE THIS AS A
6 VIABLE OPTION AND NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH THEIR GOALS AND
7 MISSIONS AS WELL.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL LET'S HERE FROM, FIRST,
10 ROCKY RUSHING FROM SENATOR GLORIA ROMERO'S OFFICE, AND ALSO
11 RICHARD ROBINSON. RICHARD ROBINSON, YOU COULD COME UP ALSO.

12

13 **ROCKY RUSHING:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME
14 IS ROCKY RUSHING, I'M A CONSULTANT FOR SENATOR GLORIA ROMERO
15 AND I'D LIKE TO READ A LETTER ON HER BEHALF. 'THANK YOU FOR
16 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY THOUGHTS ON THIS ISSUE. AS
17 CHAIR OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CALIFORNIA
18 CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM, WHICH HAS OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY FOR
19 ALL CUSTODY FACILITIES IN THIS STATE, I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY
20 CONCERNED FOR SOME TIME ABOUT THE SO-CALLED UNFIT MINORS BEING
21 HELD IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. BY NOW YOU HAVE NO DOUBT HEARD AND
22 READ ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT THEY ENDURE, SO I
23 WON'T BELABOR THEM HERE. I WILL JUST SAY THAT ALTHOUGH THE
24 JUVENILE MODULE HAS BEEN INSPECTED BY THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
25 AND APPEARS TO BE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HOUSING JUVENILES. THE



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1 CONDITIONS THERE ARE NOTHING SHORT OF SCANDALOUS. I RECENTLY
2 CONVENED A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT, PROBATION DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
4 AND OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THIS SITUATION. RATHER
5 THAN ADMITTING THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR MINORS AT MEN'S CENTRAL
6 JAIL WAS A PROBLEM, THEY CAUTIOUSLY AGREED THAT THERE WAS,
7 QUOTE, 'ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT THERE,' CLOSE QUOTE. ADMITTING
8 THERE IS A PROBLEM IS THE FIRST STEP TO SOLVING IT. THE COUNTY
9 OFFICIALS I BROUGHT TOGETHER WERE UNWILLING TO TAKE THAT FIRST
10 STEP. THAT IS WHY I CONGRATULATE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR
11 INTRODUCING THE MOTION THAT BRINGS US HERE TODAY. THE CHIEF
12 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT MINORS DEEMED
13 UNSUITABLE FOR JUVENILE HALL BE HOUSED AT THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH
14 AUTHORITY FACILITY IN NORWALK. AS YOU WELL KNOW, C.Y.A. IS FAR
15 FROM PERFECT AND IS PLAGUED BY ITS OWN SET OF SERIOUS
16 PROBLEMS. FOR INSTANCE, IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR C.Y.A. WARDS TO
17 RECEIVE LESS THAN 240 MINUTES OF DAILY INSTRUCTION. SCHOOL IS
18 OFTEN INTERRUPTED BY FIGHTS AND TEACHER VACANCIES. THERE ARE
19 PROBLEMS WITH MENTAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY, GANGS AND GANG
20 VIOLENCE CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM AND TO REPRESENT AN OBSTACLE
21 TO REHABILITATION. THE LIST GOES ON. WHILE I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
22 INFORMATION AT THIS TIME TO SAY WHETHER C.Y.A. IS THE BEST
23 OPTION BEFORE YOU, I CAN SAY WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION THAT IT IS
24 BETTER THAN THE STATUS QUO, AND THE STATUS QUO IS
25 UNACCEPTABLE. WITH YOUR INDULGENCE, I WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR



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1 THE SITUATION TO ENSURE THAT THE MINORS BEING DISCUSSED TODAY
2 ARE HOUSED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT PROVIDES ALL THE SERVICES
3 NECESSARY FOR THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS.
4 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. SENATOR GLORIA
5 ROMERO. '

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. ROBINSON, AND NOW
8 WE'LL START HEARING FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE -
9 - DANNY ROBLES, JUAN RIVAS, AND VICTOR FLORES WOULD START
10 COMING UP.

11

12 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON.
13 NEGLECTED CHILDREN ALREADY HARMED BY DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY LIFE
14 MUST NOT BE NEGLECTED FURTHER BY BEING HOUSED IN JAIL WITH
15 ADULTS WHO WERE NEGLECTED WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN. MA'AM, MANY
16 OF THESE YOUNGSTERS JAILED IN THE MEN'S FACILITY ARE THERE
17 BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS, BUDGET CUTS. THERE'S NO ROOM
18 FOR THEM IN JUVENILE FACILITIES, THE NEGLECT CAUSED BY THE
19 NEGLECT OF FAMILY AND SCHOOL IS BEING FURTHERED BY THEIR
20 HAVING TO BE HOUSED AMONG ADULTS WHO ARE FURTHERING THOSE
21 KIDS' EXPOSURE TO CRIME AND THOSE WHO ARE EXPERT, EXTREMELY
22 SOPHISTICATED LAWBREAKERS. PLEASE, AS YOU ARE FORCED TO
23 CONSIDER FUTURE CUTS IN COUNTY SERVICE, REMEMBER THE NEED OF
24 THOSE KIDS TO GET THEM AWAY FROM -- PARDON ME, PUBLIC SPEAKING
25 ISN'T MY FORTE, PLEASE BEAR WITH ME WHILE I ATTEMPT TO GIVE



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1 STRUCTURE TO A RELATIVELY DISORGANIZED MIND. AS YOU ARE FORCED
2 TO CONSIDER FUTURE CUTS IN COUNTY SERVICE, REMEMBER THE NEED
3 TO GET THOSE KIDS AWAY FROM THE MEN'S JAIL AS YOU SOLVE THESE
4 EXTREMELY PROBLEMATIC AND DISTRESSING BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. I'M
5 IN FAVOR OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S INTENT TO PROVIDE
6 ALTERNATIVE. I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND HIS
7 DETERMINATION TO PROTECT THE YOUNGSTERS IN THE COUNTY FROM
8 FUTURE NEGLECT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. HOW DO YOU
11 WANT TO MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION? YES. ALL RIGHT. GO RIGHT
12 AHEAD. AND PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14 **KIM MCGILLICUDDY:** MY NAME'S KIM MCGILLICUDDY, I'M AN ORGANIZER
15 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M GOING TO READ A
16 STATEMENT FROM DANNY ROBLES 'CAUSE HE'S AT A PROBATION
17 APPOINTMENT AND HASN'T GOTTEN HERE YET. HE ASKED US TO READ
18 THIS FOR HIM IN CASE HE DIDN'T GET HERE IN TIME.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **KIM MCGILLICUDDY:** 'HELLO, MY NAME IS DANIEL ROBLES, AND I'M A
23 MEMBER OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT
24 MY SIX-MONTH EXPERIENCE IN THE JUVENILE MODULE AT MEN'S
25 CENTRAL JAIL. I WAS 17 AND SENT TO COUNTY JAIL FROM JUVENILE



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1 HALL. I WAS NEVER TOLD WHY I WAS SENT THERE. I HAD AN
2 EXCELLENT RECORD AT JUVENILE HALL. IT WAS MY FIRST ARREST.
3 MUCH LATER I FOUND OUT THAT IT WAS BECAUSE I HAD BEEN
4 SENTENCED THERE AS PART OF A PLEA BARGAIN. SO THE ARGUMENT
5 THAT ONLY YOUNG PEOPLE GO THERE WITH VERY SERIOUS OFFENSES IS
6 WRONG. I ENTERED THE JUVENILE MODULE WITH THE SIGHT OF CEMENT
7 WALLS AND UNFORGIVING STEEL BARS, NOT TO MENTION THE FULL 42
8 BEDS OF JUVENILES. I ENTERED MY DIRTY, ROACH-INFESTED, URINE-
9 SMELLING CELL. I ONLY WALKED EIGHT SMALL STEPS AND MY WALK WAS
10 INTERRUPTED BY THE BACK WALL. I HAD ONE BLANKET AND ONE SHEET
11 TO COVER MY STEEL BUNK. NO PILLOW, NO MATTRESS. AT NIGHT, I
12 FROZE. I WAS LOCKED DOWN FOR 23 AND A HALF HOURS OF EVERY DAY
13 FOR SIX MONTHS. I NEVER KNEW WHAT DAY IT WAS BECAUSE I HAD NO
14 CLOCK, NO OUTDOOR RECREATION, NO CONTACT VISITS, NO WINDOWS. I
15 SAW THE SKY ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS WHEN WE GOT 30 MINUTES OF
16 RECREATION TIME IN A SMALL CAGE ON THE ROOF. VISITS, WHEN THEY
17 HAPPENED, WERE FOR 20 MINUTES THROUGH TWO INCHES OF PLEXIGLAS.
18 BEFORE AND AFTER VISITS YOU'RE IN A CAGE AND HANDCUFFED IN
19 FRONT OF YOUR FAMILY TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM YOUR CELL. THE
20 ADULTS ARE NOT CUFFED. THE DEPUTY SHERIFF'S TREATED US AS IF
21 WE HAD THREE STRIKES AND WERE ON OUR WAY TO SAN QUENTIN. THEY
22 RAIDED OUR CELLS TWO TIMES A MONTH. WHEN THEY RAIDED THE 42
23 CELLS, THEY HANDCUFFED US BEHIND OUR BACKS AND LEFT US IN OUR
24 BOXERS TO SIT ON THE COLD, DIRTY FLOOR FOR TWO HOURS.
25 EDUCATION WAS IN YOUR CELL, A TEACHER CAME IN TWO OR THREE



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1 TIMES A WEEK AND DROPPED OFF PACKETS OF WORK SHEETS, NO
2 EDUCATION, NO EXPLANATION. WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET ANY CHURCH
3 SERVICES, JUST PLASTIC CROSSES. THE SHERIFFS HELD OUR MAIL FOR
4 A MONTH OR MORE BEFORE GIVING IT TO US. IT JUST SAT THERE IN
5 THEIR OFFICE. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I LEARNED IN THE COUNTY
6 JAIL. I LEARNED HOW TO MAKE MIRRORS OUT OF THE INSIDE OF A
7 POTATO CHIP BAG. COUNTY SPREADS GAVE ME DIARRHEA BUT WERE A
8 WELCOME CHANGE FROM COUNTY FOOD. YOU TAKE TOP RAMEN NOODLES,
9 HOT CHITOS AND HOT WATER IN A PLASTIC BAG AND MIX IT UP UNTIL
10 IT TURNS INTO A THICK PASTE. YOU'RE SO DESPERATE THAT IT SEEMS
11 LIKE HEAVEN. I LEARNED HOW TO MAKE WEAPONS BY FILING DOWN A
12 TOOTHBRUSH OR ROLLING PAPER INTO A SPEAR TIP. SUPPOSEDLY WE
13 HAD NO CONTACT WITH ADULTS, BUT THE ADULT INMATE WHO WORKED AS
14 A TRUSTEE ON MY TIER TAUGHT ME HOW TO ROB A BANK. AFTER SIX
15 MONTHS I HAD MY 18TH BIRTHDAY ALONE IN MY CELL. AT 2:30 IN THE
16 MORNING I WAS SENT TO MAINLINE WITH ADULTS TO A FOUR MAN CELL,
17 THERE I SAW INMATES SET ON FIRE, BEAT DOWN, AND BRUTALLY
18 STABBED. AFTER I WAS RELEASED, I WAS VERY CONFUSED. I DIDN'T
19 KNOW IF I WAS A CRIMINAL THAT WOULD ONLY COME BACK TO JAIL OR
20 IF I WAS RELEASED TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE. I WAS SCARED. I
21 STILL LOOK OVER MY SHOULDER EVERY TIME I WALK DOWN THE STREET.
22 I FELT LIKE I WAS GOING CRAZY BECAUSE THE JUDGE REFERRED TO ME
23 AS A -- REFERRED ME TO A PSYCHIATRIST. IT SEEMS STRANGE THAT
24 THE JUDGE PUT ME IN A PLACE THAT CAUSED ME TO NEED COUNSELING
25 AND WAS THEN THE SAME PERSON WHO RECOMMENDED ME TO THERAPY.



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1 WHEN I COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS TO MY PROBATION OFFICER, HE SAID,
2 "NO COMMENT." WHEN THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION FIRST MET WITH
3 PROBATION AFTER THE ESCAPES LAST AUGUST, PROBATION PROMISED
4 THAT THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT FOR THE HIGH-RISK OFFENDER
5 UNIT AT SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL WOULD SOLVE THEIR SECURITY
6 PROBLEM. JUVENILE HALL CAN PROVIDE A SECURE ENVIRONMENT THAT
7 IS ALSO FAIR, SYLMAR'S HIGH RISK UNIT SHOULD BE USED FIRST,
8 AND IN THOSE RARE INSTANCES WHEN ISOLATION IS NEEDED, EACH
9 JUVENILE HALL HAS A SPECIAL HOUSING UNIT. ANY OTHER OPTION IS
10 BOTH UNJUST TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES AND A WASTE OF MONEY.'
11 [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

14

15 **VICTOR FLORES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VICTOR FLORES. I'M 16.
16 I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I FIRST MET
17 WITH UP THE Y.J.C. WHILE BEING INCARCERATED AT CENTRAL
18 JUVENILE HALL. I REPRESENT THE JUVENILE HALL CHAPTER. WHILE I
19 WAS LOCKED UP AT JUVENILE HALL THE Y.J.C. BROUGHT TO OUR
20 ATTENTION THAT JUVENILES WERE GETTING SENT TO THE COUNTY. 73
21 Y.J.C. MEMBERS AT CENTRAL, SYLMAR AND LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE
22 HALL DEBATED ON THIS ISSUE AND CHOSE TO STAND AGAINST THE
23 TRANSFER. I MET WITH ROBERT SMYTHE, PROBATION BUREAU CHIEF IN
24 CHARGE OF THE HALLS, FOUR TIMES. HE CLAIMS THAT HE NEEDS
25 COUNTY JAIL FOR YOUTH HE CONSIDERS A THREAT TO THE GENERAL



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1 POPULATION AND STAFF. THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION TO
2 SPEND MILLIONS OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO BUILD A NEW MAXIMUM
3 SECURITY UNIT AT SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL FOR HIGH RISK OFFENDERS.
4 3.5 MILLION, TO BE EXACT. AND EACH OF THE HALLS HAS A SPECIAL
5 HANDLING UNIT OR A SHOE, ESPECIALLY MADE FOR JUVENILE HALLS
6 WHO ARE CAUGHT ACTING UP. YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THIS SHOE,
7 IT'S PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE, UNLESS STAFF GOES AGAINST
8 PROTOCOL. FINALLY, I HAVE KNOWN A FEW YOUTH WHO WERE SENT TO
9 COUNTY NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE A THREAT TO OTHER DETAINEES OR
10 STAFF, BUT BECAUSE THEY HAD MINOR DISCIPLINARY INFRACTIONS.
11 FOR EXAMPLE, MY ROOMMATE AT JUVENILE HALL GOT SENT TO THE
12 COUNTY BECAUSE HE HAD \$10 OF MARIJUANA. IS THAT AN ADULT
13 CRIME, DOES THAT MAKE HIM A THREAT TO THE GENERAL POPULATION
14 OR STAFF? IS THAT A CRIME THAT CALLS FOR A YOUTH TO BE SENT TO
15 AN ADULT JAIL? THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS NO. AND FOR
16 THE YOUTH WHO HAVE --

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME JUST A SECOND. WAS IT \$10 WHILE
19 HE WAS IN CUSTODY OR \$10 BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED?

20

21 **VICTOR FLORES:** \$10 BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED. AND FOR THE YOUTH -
22 - EXCUSE ME, AND FOR THE YOUTH WHO HAVE MORE SERIOUS CHARGES,
23 SENDING A JUVENILE TO AN ADULT FACILITY FOR A SO-CALLED ADULT
24 CRIME MAKES AS MUCH SENSE AS SENDING AN ADULT WITH A MINOR
25 CRIME TO JUVENILE HALL. YOU DON'T PUNISH YOUTH BY LOCKING US



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1 UP WITH ADULTS, REGARDLESS OF WHO WE ARE. YOU ARE REQUIRED
2 UNDER LAW TO PROTECT US, TO EDUCATE US, AND TO PREPARE US FOR
3 WHEN WE COME HOME SO WE HAVE A FUTURE BEHIND THE BARS. THANK
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR
7 NAME. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, LET ME JUST SAY THIS. WE DO NOT
10 HAVE PROVISION FOR APPLAUSE AFTER PRESENTATIONS. WE'RE GOING
11 TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO COOPERATE. THESE ARE THE RULES THAT WE
12 FOLLOW, AND WHILE YOU MAY BE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF EVERYTHING
13 THAT'S SAID, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO REFRAIN FROM CLAPPING. AS
14 IT TAKES AWAY FROM THE TIME FROM EACH PERSON WHO'S SPEAKING.
15 YES THE NEXT PERSON.

16

17 **JUAN RIVAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JUAN RIVAS. I'M 23 YEARS
18 OLD. THE YOUTH OF L.A. HAVE BEEN PROFILED, HANDCUFFED, AND
19 THROWN INTO LOCKDOWN, ALL BEFORE BEING FOUND GUILTY OF ANY
20 CRIME. TODAY I COME BEFORE YOU TO CHALLENGE POLITICIANS TO
21 STEP FORWARD AND HELP US CLOSE DOWN THE JUVENILE BEDS AT L.A.
22 COUNTY JAIL. I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT IF YOU AGREE TO LOCK
23 JUVENILES IN SUCH INHUMANE CONDITIONS, YOU HAVE NO HEART. IT'S
24 CLEAR TO US WHO HAS THE POWER TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES.
25 PROBATION, ESPECIALLY CHIEF SHUMSKY AND BUREAU CHIEF SMYTHE,



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1 THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE-THIRD OF JUVENILES WHO ARE IN
2 THERE. WHAT, I MEAN, IT MAKES NO SENSE THAT PROBATION CANNOT
3 HANDLE THESE JUVENILES FOR GANG FIGHTS, FOR, YOU KNOW,
4 CONTRABAND. I MEAN IT -- FOR THEM TO SAY THAT 'OH YEAH LET'S
5 JUST SEND THEM TO THE COUNTY,' IT MAKES NO SENSE. IT'S JUST
6 SAYING THAT, 'HEY, THEY CAN'T DO THEIR JOB.' I MEAN, PEOPLE
7 GET PAID TO DO THIS JOB. OBVIOUSLY THEY CAN'T HANDLE IT, YOU
8 KNOW, WHY DO -- HAVE YOU REFERRED THEM TO SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT? I MEAN, IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT, STAY OUT OF THE
10 BUSINESS. THE D. A.'S AND JUDGES WHO WANT TO LOOK TOUGH ON
11 CRIME, SEND THE OTHER TWO-THIRD. SHERIFF BACA CAN SAY, YOU
12 KNOW, CAN REFUSE TO LOCK THESE YOUTH UP. ASK YOURSELF IF YOUR
13 CHILD GOT ARRESTED, WOULD YOU SEND THEM HERE? I DOUBT IT.
14 THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD JACKIE ALVAREZ, JIMMY
17 BROWN, AND JAVIER STAURING, PLEASE COME FORWARD? AND STATE
18 YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

19

20 **JACKIE ALVAREZ:** MY NAME IS JACQUELINE ALVAREZ AND I AM A YOUTH
21 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. SINCE I STARTED
22 WITH THE Y.J.C. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO MANY PEOPLE ABOUT
23 THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY PARENTS OF JUVENILES THAT ARE
24 INCARCERATED AT JUVENILE FACILITIES. MANY PARENTS AREN'T AWARE
25 THAT THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THEIR CHILD MAY BE SENT TO



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1 COUNTY JAIL WITH MEN, AND WHEN THEY HEAR THIS, THEY ARE
2 SHOCKED, AND MANY ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH PROBATION, AND THEY
3 SAY THAT IF THEY CAN'T -- WHY CAN'T THEY THINK OF BETTER WAYS
4 TO DISCIPLINE THE YOUTH. MANY ASK, WHAT GOOD DOES IT -- WHAT
5 GOOD DOES THIS DO THE JUVENILES TO BE LOCKED UP WITH CONVICTED
6 CRIMINALS WHEN THESE YOUTH HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN CONVICTED OF THE
7 CRIMES THAT THEY'RE UP AGAINST. A LOT OF PARENTS ALSO ASK IF
8 THIS IS WHAT L.A. WANTS FOR THE FUTURE, FOR OUR FUTURE WHEN,
9 YOU KNOW, WE ALL GO ON AND, YOU KNOW, TO RETIRE, THESE YOUTH
10 ARE OUR FUTURE, IS THIS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO TEACH THEM, TO
11 INCARCERATE YOUTH, TO INCARCERATE CHILDREN AND SEND THEM TO GO
12 BE WITH CRIMINALS THAT ARE CONVICTED OF CRIMES, THAT HAVE BEEN
13 COMMITTING CRIMES ALL THEIR LIVES, AND HERE ARE THESE CHILDREN
14 THAT HAVE CONVICTED SIMPLE CRIMES, AND LIKE --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME. ARE THESE -- ARE YOU MAKING A
17 DISTINCTION BETWEEN THOSE FOR MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER AND
18 THOSE FOR OTHER CRIMES?

19

20 **JACKIE ALVAREZ:** LIKE KIM STATED ABOUT DANNY'S CASE, DANNY
21 WASN'T CONVICTED OF HIS CRIME BEFORE BEING SENT TO THE
22 JUVENILE --

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, NONE OF THESE HAVE BEEN CONVICTED THAT
25 WERE THERE, BUT THEY WERE CHARGED WITH EITHER MURDER OR



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1 ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR THE MOST PART. THERE ARE VERY FEW THAT
2 AREN'T CHARGED WITH MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER.

3

4 **JACKIE ALVAREZ:** WELL, I'M -- THAT CASE IN PARTICULAR WASN'T
5 CHARGED WITH MURDER OR ATTEMPTED MURDER.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, I SEE.

8

9 **JACKIE ALVAREZ:** SO BASICALLY WHAT WE'RE SHOWING THESE YOUTH IS
10 WE'RE SENDING THEM WITH ADULTS THAT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF --
11 HAVEN'T BEEN CONVICTED OF THESE CRIMES AND WHAT -- LIKE DANNY
12 SAID, YOU KNOW, THESE PEOPLE TEACH THEM HOW TO COMMIT GREATER
13 CRIMES THAN THEY WERE IN THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO THAT'S
14 JUST FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF PARENTS THAT I WAS ABLE TO SPEAK
15 TO.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. JIMMY BROWN, AND
18 COULD WE ASK, IS IT NOE ORGAZ TO PLEASE COME FORWARD. YES
19 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

20

21 **JIMMY BROWN:** MY NAME IS JIMMY BROWN. I'M A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH
22 JUSTICE COALITION. I AM ON PROBATION RIGHT NOW. I'M HERE TO
23 SUPPORT IN CLOSING DOWN THE JUVENILE BEDS IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL.
24 ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT THREE YOUTH TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE. WHAT



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1 ARE YOU GUYS WAITING FOR TO CLOSE THE BEDS DOWN, FOR SOMEONE
2 TO DIE? THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WOULD YOU PLEASE
5 STATE YOUR NAME, AND COULD WE HAVE JAVIER STAURING? IS THAT
6 YOU? YES.

7

8 **JAVIER STAURING:** YES, I'M JAVIER STAURING.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN I'LL ASK MALIK SHABAZZ TO COME
11 FORWARD.

12

13 **JAVIER STAURING:** MY NAME'S JAVIER STAURING, I AM POLICY
14 DIRECTOR FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. I AM
15 ALSO CO-DIRECTOR OF DETENTION MINISTRY FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
16 LOS ANGELES. I HAVE MINISTERED TO INCARCERATED YOUTH FOR CLOSE
17 TO 13 YEARS NOW. UP UNTIL THREE WEEKS AGO, I MINISTERED WITH
18 THE YOUTH THAT ARE AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL RIGHT NOW. FIRST, I
19 DO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR TAKING THIS ISSUE ON AND
20 HOPEFULLY ENSURING THAT NO MORE YOUTH HAVE TO BE LIVING IN
21 SUCH INHUMANE CONDITIONS AND THAT THE YOUTH THAT ARE THERE
22 RIGHT NOW, THAT THEIR LIVES CAN BE CHANGED. I WANT TO MENTION
23 THAT THE GROUP THAT IS ADVISING YOU ON THE ALTERNATIVES TO
24 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS, FOR THE MOST PART, THE SAME GROUP THAT
25 FOUND IT ACCEPTABLE TO SEND THESE YOUTH TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.



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1 I WOULD SUGGEST THAT MAYBE THE ADVISORY GROUP BECOME MORE
2 INCLUSIVE, TO INCLUDE EXPERTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, EXPERTS
3 ON CLERGY, THAT KNOW THESE ISSUES FROM A DIFFERENT
4 PERSPECTIVE, AND IT'S NOT TO SAY THAT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
5 ADVISING RIGHT NOW ARE TERRIBLE PEOPLE, BUT IT IS A DIFFERENT
6 PERSPECTIVE. AN EXAMPLE IS WHEN THEY WERE HOUSING GIRLS AT
7 TWIN TOWERS, MINOR GIRLS AT TWIN TOWERS, THEY WERE HOUSING
8 THEM UNDER 23 AND A HALF HOUR LOCKDOWN, VERY SIMILAR TO THE
9 BOYS, AND WHEN I WAS TALKING TO -- I WOULD DESCRIBE THIS
10 SHERIFF AS PROBABLY THE BEST STAFF THAT I KNOW AT MEN'S
11 CENTRAL JAIL. HE ASKED ME, "SO WHAT'S YOUR CONCERN, THEN, THAT
12 SHE'S LOCKED DOWN 23 AND A HALF HOURS A DAY?" AS IF THERE WAS
13 NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT. IT'S A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE WHEN IT
14 IS SO HEAVILY LAW ENFORCEMENT, SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT MAYBE
15 IT BECOME MORE INCLUSIVE. THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING YOUTH TO
16 AN ADULT FACILITY IS RUBBER STAMPED BY A JUDGE. I WOULD SAY
17 OVER 99% OF THE REQUEST FOR TRANSFERS ARE THEN AGREED BY THE
18 JUDGE TO HAPPEN, AND THE ONE EXAMPLE THAT MR. SHUMSKY GAVE OF
19 PROBATION TAKING BACK A GIRL, IT WAS BECAUSE ADVOCATES GOT
20 INVOLVED AND ASKED THIS PARTICULAR JUDGE TO REALLY LOOK AT THE
21 CRITERIA THAT PROBATION HAD USED TO TRANSFER THE MINOR, AND
22 ONCE THE JUDGE BROKE IT DOWN AND SAW THAT THE ACCUSATIONS OF
23 CONTRABAND HAD TO DO WITH THIS YOUNG GIRL HAVING MONEY AND
24 SOME TONGUE RINGS AND THE ACCUSATIONS OF GANG ACTIVITY HAD TO
25 DO WITH GANG WRITINGS IN A NOTEBOOK, THAT IT REALLY DIDN'T



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1 STAND UP. BUT WHEN A JUDGE JUST SEES THE FILE AND SAYS, "GANG
2 ALLEGATIONS, CONTRABAND," ET CETERA, ET CETERA, FOR THE MOST
3 PART, THEY'RE GOING TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER. IT'S BEEN MENTIONED
4 THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE YOUTH BEING TRANSFERRED TO
5 ADULT INSTITUTIONS ARE ON D.A.'S REQUEST AND IT HAS
6 PRACTICALLY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BEHAVIOR OF THE JUVENILE IN
7 THE JUVENILE INSTITUTION. MANY OF THESE YOUTH GO THERE AFTER
8 THEIR FIRST TIME TO COURT, HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG OUT AT
9 JUVENILE HALL. IT IS VERY SIMILAR, IT IS THE SAME POPULATION
10 THAT IS BEING HOUSED RIGHT NOW AT BARRY J. NIDORF, THE
11 POPULATION THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO I WOULD SUPPORT,
12 ENDORSE, PLEAD THAT THE ALTERNATIVE OF HOUSING THEM --
13 CONTINUE TO HOUSING ALL OF THE YOUTH AT JUVENILE HALL BE
14 LOOKED AT MORE CAREFULLY. IT IS IN THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS
15 WHERE THEY HAVE THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. MANY OF THESE
16 YOUTH, I KNOW A NUMBER OF THEM THAT HAVE LEFT COUNTY JAIL,
17 WILL COME BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND THEY SHOULD BE
18 BENEFITING FROM THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS THAT EXIST AT
19 JUVENILE HALL.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, ALL OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE'RE TALKING
22 ABOUT, THE COURT INITIALLY HAS MADE A DETERMINATION FOR THEM
23 TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT.

24

25 **JAVIER STAURING:** THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THIS IS ORDINARILY BECAUSE OF THE
3 GRAVITY OF THE OFFENSE.

4

5 **JAVIER STAURING:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT KIDS WHO HAVE, YOU
8 KNOW, THROWN A ROCK AT SOMEONE UNLESS IT HAPPENED TO BE -- TO
9 KILL THEM, YOU KNOW. SO THAT, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WE
10 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT NO MATTER WHAT A PERSON DOES, WHETHER
11 THEY'RE JUVENILE OR AN ADULT, THAT THEY SHOULD BE TREATED AND
12 KEPT IN HUMANE SURROUNDINGS. HOWEVER, INITIALLY IN THESE
13 CASES, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ANY YOUNG PERSON EXCEPT FOR
14 THOSE WHERE THE COURT HAS SAID, "YOU'RE GOING TO BE TRIED AS
15 AN ADULT RATHER THAN A JUVENILE." ORDINARILY, OVERWHELMING
16 MOST OF THESE CASES DO INVOLVE EITHER MURDER OR ATTEMPTED
17 MURDER, SO IT'S NOT THEFT OR PETTY THEFT OR HAVING MARIJUANA
18 OR HAVING SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 140 YOUNG
19 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT, IN
20 MOST INSTANCES, 187TH. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY HAVE EITHER
21 COMMITTED A MURDER OR A HOMICIDE, BUT USUALLY NOT A
22 MISDEMEANOR HOMICIDE OR A NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE, IT'S BEEN THE
23 KIND OF A HOMICIDE THAT IS TREATED AS AN ADULT. AND, YOU KNOW,
24 I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WE'RE NOT -- WE'RE TALKING
25 ABOUT A VERY DISTINCT GROUP OF PEOPLE, BUT WE'RE ALSO TALKING,



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1 OUT OF THAT 140, WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT 40 OUT OF THAT WHO
2 HAVE, FOR SOME REASON, THE JUDGE HAS DETERMINED SHOULD BE
3 TREATED DIFFERENTLY. NOW, I'M SUPPORTING THEM GOING TO YOUTH
4 AUTHORITY, BECAUSE I THINK YOUTH AUTHORITY CAN PROVIDE SOME
5 FACILITIES FOR THEM. THEY SHOULD HAVE. THEY SHOULDN'T BE
6 LOCKED DOWN 24 HOURS OR 23 AND A HALF HOURS, THEY SHOULD HAVE
7 RECREATION, THEY SHOULD HAVE EDUCATION. THERE'S NO QUESTION
8 ABOUT THAT. BUT WE ARE ALSO LIABLE IF WE TURN INTO THE GENERAL
9 JUVENILE POPULATION AT PROBATION CAMP, YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE
10 NOT ONLY COMMITTED MURDER OR ATTEMPTED MURDER HAVE BEEN
11 DETERMINED TO BE DIFFICULT. THEN WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS, WE'RE
12 THE ONE WHO HAS TO FACE IT, AND I'M SURE THAT YOU'RE AWARE OF
13 THAT. NOW WERE YOU THE PERSON THAT THEY REMOVED?

14

15 **JAVIER STAURING:** I AM.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I GOT THE EMAIL FROM AN ATTORNEY WHO
18 SAID THAT BECAUSE YOU HAD MADE SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT THE
19 TREATMENT. WAS THAT IT?

20

21 **JAVIER STAURING:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, AND WE
24 CERTAINLY -- I DO THINK WE SHOULD HAVE INPUT FROM PEOPLE WHO
25 HAVE A WIDE VARIETY OF EXPERIENCE, AND CERTAINLY I WOULD BE



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1 VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING THAT INPUT. BUT I ALSO HAVE, YOU
2 KNOW, KNOWLEDGE OF A THREE-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS KILLED A MONTH AGO
3 BY A 13-YEAR-OLD, AND NOT BECAUSE THE THREE-YEAR-OLD DID
4 ANYTHING, THE THREE-YEAR-OLD WAS JUST SITTING ON THE LAWN. SO
5 WE ALSO HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE GRAVITY OF SOME OF
6 THESE OFFENSES.

7

8 **JAVIER STAURING:** YES, AND I THINK THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT
9 ALSO CALLS FOR THE ADVISORY TEAM TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE, BECAUSE
10 A PUBLIC DEFENDER OR A DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND AN HONEST D.A.
11 COULD ALSO TELL YOU THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE TIMES OR A BIG
12 PERCENTAGE OF THE TIMES, THE CHARGES ARE -- THEY CHARGE AS
13 HIGH AS THEY CAN GO, AND THEN THE CHARGE IS DROPPED, SO AN
14 ATTEMPTED MURDER MIGHT GET DROPPED DOWN TO AN ASSAULT. ALSO,
15 BECAUSE OF THE LAWS, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE YOUTH THAT ARE BEING
16 CHARGED WITH MURDER, BUT IN REALITY, THEY WERE ONE IN A GROUP
17 OF FIVE, THEY NEVER HAD A GUN, THEY NEVER HAD -- SO THEY END
18 UP WITH THESE CHARGES THAT, ON PAPER, YOU WOULD SAY, YES, 85%
19 OR WHATEVER ARE BEING CHARGED WITH THESE TERRIBLE CRIMES, BUT
20 THERE'S A BIGGER PICTURE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, THERE ARE A LOT OF 187S WHO ARE IN
23 PROBATION THAT ARE NOT WITH A HUNDRED. THESE -- WE'RE TALKING
24 ABOUT 140, SEPARATE AND APART FROM ALL THOSE WHO ARE CHARGED
25 WITH MURDER WERE RIGHT THERE IN THE CAMP, YOU KNOW, I DON'T



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1 KNOW WHAT THE NUMBER IS OF AND MR. SHUMSKY, HOW MANY DO WE
2 HAVE OF 187S IN THE GENERAL POPULATION AT PROBATION CAMP? NOT
3 THESE 140. HOW MANY DO WE HAVE THAT ARE CHARGED WITH 187 OR
4 ATTEMPTED 187, WHATEVER IT IS, THAT ARE IN THE GENERAL
5 POPULATION OF PROBATION, OF JUVENILES? [INDISTINCT VOICES].

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABOUT 5% OF THOSE IN CAMP, OR 5% OF THE 100
8 -- OF THE 140, MY UNDERSTANDING, THOSE HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO
9 BE TRIED AS ADULTS. NOW, THERE-- I KNOW I'VE BEEN TO CAMP AND
10 I'VE TALKED TO KIDS WHO WERE THERE WHO WERE NOT TRIED AS
11 ADULTS WHO ALSO WERE BEING CHARGED WITH 187S.

12

13 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** (INDISTINCT).

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOST OF THEM ARE IN THIS 140?

16

17 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** (INDISTINCT).

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY'RE UNDER 14.

20

21 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** (INDISTINCT).

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT YOU HAVE IN CAMP. OKAY. SO ALL -- LET
24 ME UNDERSTAND THIS. ARE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARGED WITH



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1 MURDER OR ATTEMPTED MURDER BEING DETERMINED BY THE JUDGE TO BE
2 TRIED AS ADULTS?

3

4 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** (INDISTINCT).

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT NOT ALL. WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO ARE
7 NOT TRIED AS ADULTS?

8

9 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** (INDISTINCT).

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL
12 IF WE HAD THE NUMBERS, OF HOW MANY OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE
13 ACTUALLY IN THE GENERAL POPULATION OF THE PROBATION CAMP WHO
14 ARE NOT BEING TRIED AS AN ADULT. AND WHO ARE -- AND WHAT THE
15 CHARGES ARE. OKAY. ALL RIGHT, DID I CUT YOU OFF?

16

17 **JAVIER STAURING:** NO.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE
20 YOUR NAME?

21

22 **NOE ORGAZ:** HI. MY NAME IS NOE ORGAZ, I'M WITH THE YOUTH
23 JUSTICE COALITION. AND I'M HERE LIKE -- I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT
24 WHAT EVERYBODY BE PROPOSING, I'M BASICALLY GIVING A COUPLE OF
25 REASONS ON WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS. BUT LET'S



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1 START OFF WITH PROGRAMS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THAT'S
2 BASICALLY, THERE'S NO CHANGE TO THE SYSTEMS, SO WHAT THE YOUTH
3 JUSTICE COALITION SAID ABOUT THAT THERE'S NO KIDS IN ADULT
4 JAILS. POINT-BLANK. SHIFTING IT TO THE TWIN TOWERS, JUST
5 BECAUSE YOU TRANSPORT KIDS ACROSS THE STREET YOU'RE NOT GOING
6 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IT'S AGAIN KEEPING KIDS IN COUNTY JAIL.
7 AND C.Y.A., C.Y.A.'S ALREADY A -- IT'S A PRISON FOR YOUNG
8 PEOPLE. KIDS IN COUNTY JAIL HAVE NOT BEEN SENTENCED FOR THE
9 CRIME THAT THEY HAVE COMMITTED, SO WHAT WE WANT IS TO PUT THEM
10 IN A JUVENILE HALL WHERE THEY COULD GET SENTENCED. IN SANTA
11 ANA JAIL, BASICALLY WHAT YOU GUYS ARE SAYING IS THAT PROBATION
12 CANNOT HANDLE THESE KIDS SO SEND THEM TO A FARTHER DISTANCE,
13 FARTHER DOWNTOWN WHERE THEIR PARENTS CAN'T SEE THEM, WHERE IT
14 TAKES THREE HOURS FOR THE PARENTS TO GET TO DOWNTOWN. NOW MAKE
15 THAT TIME LONGER? WE'RE SAYING IF PROBATION CAN HANDLE IT,
16 THEN GIVE SANTA ANA THE MONEY, GIVE THEM MONEY TO MOVE INTO
17 THE THREE JUVENILE HALLS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THEY COULD DO THE
18 JOB. WE'VE PETITIONED AND WE'VE SURVEYED PEOPLE, AND L.A. IS
19 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION ON THIS ISSUE. WE DON'T WANT
20 KIDS IN ADULT JAILS. NOW, BARRY NIRDORF IS THE BEST ANSWER BUT
21 WITH MOVING THE KIDS TO -- MOVING THE YOUTH TO BARRY NIRDORF
22 HOME. YOU GUYS WANT THE SHERIFF STAFF IN THERE. WE SAY KEEP
23 THE PROBATION STAFF. AGAIN, IF PROBATION CAN HANDLE IT, THEN
24 YOU NEED TO FIND SOMEBODY NEW TO DO IT, SOMEBODY BETTER THAT
25 COULD DO THE JOB. YOU GUYS CLAIM THAT YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE



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1 BEING TRIED AS ADULTS ARE DIFFERENT, THAT, YEAH, THEY
2 COMMITTED A CRIME, THAT'S VERY EXTENT, WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT,
3 BUT THEY'RE KIDS ALSO, AND THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY HAS TO
4 ACKNOWLEDGE. FOR SOME REASON AND OR ANOTHER, THIS HAPPENED,
5 THEY COMMITTED THIS CRIME BECAUSE I SAY SOCIETY MESSED UP ON
6 THEM. I DON'T SEE IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. THOSE ARE JUST A
7 COUPLE OF MY THOUGHTS, AND I THINK THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO
8 COME WITH -- TO A MEETING WITH EVERYBODY WITH PROBATION, WITH
9 THE SHERIFFS, WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WE ALL NEED TO
10 COME TO ONE CONCLUSION THAT KIDS NEED TO BE IN A JUVENILE
11 FACILITY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD WE HAVE BEATRIZ
14 MORENO, WHO I THINK IS THE LAST SPEAKER FROM -- AND ALSO TED
15 NEUBAUER? ALL RIGHT, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

16

17 **MALIK SHABAZZ:** HELLO, MY NAME'S MALIK SHABAZZ, I'M AN
18 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND BASICALLY I
19 FEEL LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING LOCKED UP, AND I'M TALKING
20 ABOUT NOT THE ONES WHO ARE GUILTY, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ONES
21 WHO ARE INNOCENT, WHO ARE GOING -- WHO ARE BEING HELD IN THE
22 COUNTY FACILITIES AND THEY'RE NOT EVEN GUILTY, AND THEN WHEN
23 THEY'RE LET LOOSE, WHEN THEY'RE FINALLY FOUND 'NOT GUILTY' AND
24 THEY'RE LET LOOSE ONTO THE -- A STREET, YOU KNOW, THEY'VE JUST
25 GONE THROUGH A VERY BAD EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE AS YOU ARE



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1 INFORMED BY THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY KIM OF DANNY ROBLES'
2 EXPERIENCE, YOU KNOW, EVEN THOUGH HE DID TIME FOR WHAT HE DID
3 AND HE WAS CONVICTED FOR IT, THERE'S PEOPLE WHO GO THROUGH
4 THAT AND THEY WEREN'T CONVICTED. YOU KNOW, AND I KNOW WHAT YOU
5 CALL IT, THERE WAS ANOTHER -- THERE WAS ANOTHER -- THERE WAS A
6 WOMAN, HER SON, HE HAS A MENTAL DISABILITY AND HE WAS LOCKED
7 UP IN COUNTY AND SHE WASN'T EVEN INFORMED UNTIL LATER THAT HE
8 HAD ATTEMPTED TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE BECAUSE OF THE CONDITIONS
9 THAT WERE -- THAT HE WAS EXPOSED TO IN THE COUNTY JAIL. I FEEL
10 THAT IF, YOU KNOW -- THAT WE'RE ALL LOOKING AT IT AS WHAT
11 SHOULD WE DO WITH THE GUILTY BUT I'M CONCERNED WITH WHAT --
12 WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE INNOCENT AND BEING
13 HELD IN THERE, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE IT'S NOT RIGHT. THAT COULD BE
14 MY BROTHER, THAT COULD BE, YOU KNOW, MY NEPHEW, MY COUSIN OR
15 SOMETHING AND THEY COULD BE INNOCENT AND JUST HAVE BEEN IN THE
16 WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **MALIK SHABAZZ:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE HAVE ETHEL JOHNSON COME UP. AND
23 THEN, ALL RIGHT, SHE'LL TAKE YOUR SEAT. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR
24 NAME, SIR.

25



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1 **TED NEUBAUER:** MY NAME IS TED NEUBAUER. I'M HERE BECAUSE THAT'S
2 THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S ATTENTION. I DON'T
3 KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT COUNTY JAIL, BUT THE SHERIFF'S SERVICE
4 OF PROCESS LEADS -- LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED. I WAS TO
5 BE SERVED ON A CIVIL MATTER INVOLVING A VEHICLE IN THE
6 IMPOUND. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS REFUSED A SECOND ATTEMPT
7 THAT'S REQUIRED BY LAW AND ON FOLLOW-UP CALL THEY SAID JUST GO
8 TO COURT. THEY SENT ME TO THE WRONG COURT, AS WITNESSED BY A
9 BEVERLY HILLS BENCH OFFICER. WHEN I APPROACHED MR.
10 YAROSLAVSKY'S STAFF WITH A COMPLAINT, THEY SAY, 'NO, YOU'VE
11 COMPLAINED BEFORE.' DOES THAT MEAN I HAVE NO RIGHT TO DUE
12 PROCESS NOW, SIR? NOW THE LADY SERVED HAPPENS TO BE THE
13 PRESIDENT AND THE FOUNDER OF FILM ADVISORY BOARD, WHERE I
14 REQUESTED THAT SHE TAKE MY SERVICE OF PROCESS. THIS LADY HAS
15 SINGLE-HANDEDLY WORKED TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF CHILDREN'S
16 ENTERTAINMENT, WHICH HOPEFULLY HAS BEEN A POSITIVE STEP TOWARD
17 PREVENTING SOME OF THESE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING NOW WITH
18 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SHE DEVELOPED THE PROCESS OF GIVING PARENTS
19 MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENTERTAINMENT THEIR KIDS SEE
20 CONCERNING LANGUAGE, VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL CONTENT. I HAVE
21 OFFERED HER LOGIC -- LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR HER EFFORTS AS A
22 VIETNAM VETERAN WHO IS RESIDENTIALLY CHALLENGED
23 INTERMITTENTLY. SO CAN I GET THIS TO MR. YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE?
24 NO MORE --
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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO DID YOU TALK TO IN MY OFFICE?

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3 **TED NEUBAUER:** I DON'T REMEMBER BUT THEY TOLD ME --

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T REMEMBER.

6

7 **TED NEUBAUER:** THEY TOLD ME IT HAD NO EFFECT ON THE SHERIFF'S

8 DEPARTMENT AND --

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU -- DO YOU REMEMBER WHICH OFFICE YOU

11 CALLED, WAS IT MY?

12

13 **TED NEUBAUER:** IT WAS UPSTAIRS. I WENT UP STAIRS IN PERSON.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU KNOW, WOULD YOU HAVE A -- BACK HOME

16 WOULD YOU HAVE A RECORD OF WHO YOU -- I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO YOU

17 TALKED TO, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE.

18

19 **TED NEUBAUER:** WELL THERE SHOULD BE A RECORD UPSTAIRS

20 SOMEWHERE, BUT THEY TOLD ME 'YOU'VE COMPLAINED BEFORE,' AND

21 APPARENTLY THAT MEANS I HAVE NO RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS NOW, I

22 DON'T THINK SO, PLEASE. THAT LETTER IS FROM MISS BLYTHE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT, WE'LL TAKE A LOOK

25 AT IT.



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2 **TED NEUBAUER:** THANK YOU, PLEASE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SNELL, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
5 -- E.J. SNELL. ALL RIGHT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. YES, UH-HUH.

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7 **BEATRIZ MORENO:** MY NAME IS BEATRIZ MORENO, I'M A MEMBER OF THE
8 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT FIRST MOVE
9 THE YOUTH IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL TO A HIGH RISK OFFENDERS UNIT
10 AT SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL. SECOND PASS POLICIES TO MAKE SURE
11 THAT NO YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY IS EVER HOUSED AGAIN WITH ADULTS.
12 THIRD, THREE YOUTH HAVE ALREADY TRIED TO KILL THEMSELVES IN
13 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. AND FINALLY, WHY SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO
14 PLACE JUVENILES IN AN ADULT SYSTEM IF PROBATION CAN'T HANDLE
15 THESE YOUTH. LIKE NOE AND JUAN SAID, GET PEOPLE WHO ARE
16 CAPABLE OF DOING THIS JOB OR JUST GET OUT OF THE BUSINESS.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. KIPERT YOU'RE PART OF THIS
20 SAME GROUP?

21

22 **ADRIAN HIBERT:** YES I AM.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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1 **ADRIAN HIBERT:** ADRIAN HIBERT, AND I'M PART OF THIS -- ADRIAN
2 HIBERT AND I'M PART OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND
3 BASICALLY WHAT I HAVE HERE IS 1,761 PETITIONS SIGNED BY PEOPLE
4 IN THE L.A. COUNTY, AND THIS IS IT RIGHT HERE IN A PRESS
5 PACKET FOR EACH ONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

8

9 **ADRIAN HIBERT:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. ALSO
12 ELIZABETH WEBER, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD. MR. -- OH I'M
13 SORRY, ETHEL JOHNSON FIRST. PARDON ME?

14

15 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** YOU WANT ME TO SPEAK NOW OR LATER?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES PLEASE. STATE YOUR NAME FIRST.

18

19 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS ETHEL JOHNSON. AND I'M FAMILIAR WITH
20 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE TO SAY THAT ONE THING I
21 KNOW WE DON'T HAVE IN CORPORATE AREAS, AND I'M ALWAYS IN THE
22 15TH DISTRICT, THE 2ND DISTRICT, AND DIFFERENT DISTRICTS SINCE
23 AND I TOLD YOU TWO WEEKS AGO I'LL COME BACK. MY CHILDREN,
24 GRANDCHILDREN ARE IN WHAT WE CALL TEEN COURTS DIVISION.
25 DIVISION 77. AND I SEEM TO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT BECAUSE,



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1 SEE, I'M COUNTY AND THEY PICK ON ME ALL THE TIME, YOU KNOW.
2 AND SO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE HAVE -- IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING
3 THEY'RE DOING, FOR THE YOUTH, YOU KNOW. AND THEY SEND THE
4 CHILDREN SO FAR AWAY AND LONG YEARS AGO THEY HAD -- IF THE
5 MOTHER WAS DISABLED OR SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH THE FAMILY OR
6 SOMETHING LIKE THAT, COUNTY, THEY WOULD BRING THE CHILDREN
7 CLOSER. BUT NOW I NEVER HEARD OF THEM PUTTING THEM IN THE
8 YOUTH -- I WORKED FOR LOS PADRINOS, A JUVENILE DETENTION IN MY
9 LIFE, AND I WORKED FOR LAKEWOOD. I NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A
10 THING, PUTTING THE KIDS IN WITH THE ADULTS. WE HAVE
11 FACILITIES, WE HAVE SYLMAR-- BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE, THAT'S A
12 LONG WAYS, THAT'S IN THE VALLEY. AND WE HAVE EAST LAKE, WE
13 HAVE LOS PADRINOS, YOU KNOW, AND NORWALK. BUT IT IS A -- THIS
14 IS A CHANGED ENVIRONMENT. THESE ARE GENERATIONS AND
15 GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS. EVEN MY KIDS IS IN JAIL. BEEN IN
16 JAIL. YOU KNOW, AND THEY'RE MY GRANDKIDS. BUT IT IS A THING
17 THAT WE HAVE PEERS, OKAY. IF THEY DID SOMETHING WRONG, BUT YES
18 SO THIS IS HELPING THEM, ALSO IF THEY DID SOMETHING WRONG, THE
19 JUDGE, WE HAVE ONE JUDGE. SO THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO COUNTY? WHY
20 DON'T WE HAVE A PROGRAM TO SPONSOR INSTEAD OF LOS ANGELES
21 POLICE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS JACKING ME UP FOR THEIR PROGRAMS AND
22 I'M TELLING THEM ALL THE TIME I'M COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

25



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1 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** OKAY, SO CAN YOU, YOU KNOW.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT THAT. THANK
4 YOU.

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6 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** ALL RIGHT AND ONE OTHER THING. I'M ONLY ASKING
7 -- I'M WRITING THAT REPORT, THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE CALL A
8 HALFWAY HOUSE, SO WHEN THEY COME -- MEN COME FROM THE PRISON,
9 THEY KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO STAY, THEY KNOW WHERE -- AND
10 IF -- WHETHER THEY HAVE MEDICAL OR NOT. I'M OUT THERE WORKING
11 AS A VOLUNTEER. I HELP THEM GET SOCIAL SECURITY WHEN THEY COME
12 OUT OF PRISON, I HELP THEM GET JOBS. COME TO FRIENDS OUTSIDE.
13 THAT'S ALL THEY HAVE TO DO, COME TO FRIENDS OUTSIDE, 103RD
14 PASADENA OR LONG BEACH. OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. MR. SNELL AND THEN ELIZABETH
17 WEBBER.

18

19 **E.T. SNELL:** MY NAME IS E.T. SNELL, COUNTY SUPERVISORS, I HOST,
20 PRODUCE AND DIRECT A CABLE TV SHOW ENTITLED 'CLOWN ON THE
21 TOWN' AND I'VE BEEN COMING TO THESE MEETINGS FOR QUITE A LONG
22 TIME. FIRST OFF I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER, FRED J.
23 SNELL, WHO JOINED THE LORD SATURDAY. HE BECAME A CORONER'S
24 CASE BECAUSE OF THE CHOKEHOLD THAT WAS PLACED ON HIM IN THE
25 COUNTY PSYCHIATRIC WARD AND BECAUSE OF THE PSYCHOTROPICS GIVEN



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1 HIM AT 88 YEARS OLD WITH DEMENTIA, ALZHEIMER'S AND
2 PARKINSON'S. HIS BODY WILL BE RETURNED TODAY AND I WANT TO
3 SALUTE THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND GIVE THEM FAVORABLE MENTION
4 FOR THE WAY THEY'VE HANDLED THE CASE, AND THEY ARE REALLY
5 UNDERSTAFFED OVER THERE AND THEY'VE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB. I
6 KNOW THIS IS OFF THE TOPIC BUT I'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR A LOT
7 OF YEARS AND I WOULD JUST -- I WANT TO GIVE FAVORABLE MENTION
8 --

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

11

12 **E.T. SNELL:** BY THE WAY THEY GOT TWO BROKEN WINDOWS, SOME GUY
13 DROVE THROUGH BOTH SIDES OF THE WINDOWS AND THEY'VE BEEN OUT
14 TWO MONTHS. SO I MEAN, YOU KNOW, WE GOT TO, YOU KNOW, MAYBE
15 PUT SOME POTS UP THERE SO PEOPLE CAN'T DRIVE THEIR TRUCKS UP,
16 IT NEEDS A SOLUTION. ANYWAY, COUNTY SUPERVISORS, 82% OF
17 JUVENILE JUSTICE STUDIES SHOW -- OR 82% OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
18 COMMITMENTS HAVE MENTAL DISABILITIES, AND THIS COMES FROM THE
19 JUVENILE JUSTICE STUDIES. YOU GUYS ARE MISSING THE BOAT WHEN
20 IT COMES TO THE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM, WHICH IS AN EXODUS AND
21 GUARANTEES THE JUVENILE HALLS, AND THE PRISONS, AND THE
22 CORONER'S OFFICE A BUMPER CROP. I'M YOUR CHILD. I WAS RAISED
23 IN COUNTY FOSTER HOMES, JUVENILE HALLS, AND IT'S NOT CHANGED,
24 IT'S JUST GOTTEN WORSE. THERE ARE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS.
25 UNTIL THE COUNTY TAKES A GIANT STEP, A CREATIVE STEP, NEW



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1 PROGRAMS, ONLY THEN WILL THE EXODUS AND BUMPER CROP OF
2 CHILDREN WINDING UP IN THE MORGUES, FOSTER CARES AND JUVENILE
3 HALLS AND MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. AT THE END OF THE LINE AND AT
4 THE END OF THE LINE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE. THE TOUGH ON
5 CRIME ATTITUDE HAS DONE NOTHING BUT PACK OUR PRISONS TO
6 BULGING CAPACITY. I REMIND THESE COUNTY SUPERVISORS -- AND I
7 BROUGHT THE DICTIONARY HERE. THESE CHILDREN IN COUNTY FOSTER
8 CARE, THESE JUVENILE OFFENDERS ARE NO MORE THAN THE WORD
9 'PREY.' THEY BECOME PREY BECAUSE THEY BECOME VICTIMS OF THE
10 COUNTY. NOW IT'S A TOUGH THING FOR YOU SUPERVISOR TO SIT UP
11 THERE AND SWALLOW THIS PILL. AND THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER WORD
12 THAT COMES -- THAT HAS TO BE THE NUMBER ONE DEFINITION FOR THE
13 WORD MOLESTATION. IT MEANS 'TO ANNOY. INTERFERE WITH OR MEDDLE
14 WITH SO AS TO TROUBLE OR HARM.' IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SEXUAL.
15 THE CHILDREN HAVE BECOME PREY, THEY HAVE BECOME VICTIMS OF A
16 MOLESTATION AND THE ABUSE CARRIES ON. THERE IS NO WAY IN GOD'S
17 NAME THAT YOU CAN PUT THESE CHILDREN WITH ADULTS. THEY BECOME
18 VICTIMS FOR PEDOPHILIA, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT PEDOPHILES HAVE
19 BEEN ABUSED CHILDREN THEMSELVES. THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS I
20 DON'T SIT HERE AND PASS JUDGMENT AND SHAME TO THIS BOARD AND
21 THE COUNTY AND HOW THEY'VE HANDLED THEMSELVES, I OFFER A
22 SOLUTION. I SAY THESE CHURCHES ARE CHOMPING AT THE BITS. YOU
23 KNOW, IF YOU WANT TO BE A FOSTER PARENT YOU GOT TO GO THROUGH
24 AN M.M.P.I. TEST? NOT EVEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
25 REQUIRES AN M.M.P.I. TEST FOR THEIR PRISON GUARDS. WE HAVE GOT



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1 TO LOWER THE STANDARDS, NOT INCREASE THEM. I SUGGEST A VAN
2 THAT PULLS UP TO THESE COUNTY CHURCHES CHOMPING AT THE BITS TO
3 GET THESE CHILDREN AND GIVE THEM THEIR N.C.I.C. CHECK, GIVE
4 THEM THEIR FINGERPRINTS AND THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS AND AT THE END
5 OF THE LINE HERE SITS AN OFFICER RUNNING A 98%, 98% ARE THE
6 RESULTS OF A POLYGRAPH TEST. MAYBE IF WE POLYGRAPHED ALL THE
7 PRIESTS WE WOULDN'T HAVE THAT PROBLEM THAT WE'RE HAVING NOW. I
8 SAY POLYGRAPH THE PEOPLE THAT WANT THESE CHILDREN WITHOUT ALL
9 THE M.P.I. TESTS, WITHOUT ALL THE BUREAUCRACY AND WITHOUT ALL
10 THE OTHER GARBAGE. COST THEM 150 BUCKS AND THEY ONLY HAVE TO
11 GET THE KID ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS, AND PLEASE ALLOW ME TO
12 FINISH, SUPERVISOR, I SEE YOU NODDING YOUR HEAD, AND YOU'RE
13 GETTING SHORT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, YOUR TIME HAS, YOU KNOW, WE, YOU KNOW.

16

17 **E.T. SNELL:** OKAY WELL I MEAN I DROVE QUITE A WAYS IN TRAFFIC
18 TO GET HERE AND I HAVEN'T SPOKEN IN QUITE A WHILE. THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WHERE THESE CHILDREN WIND UP, WE
20 HAVE ALLEGATIONS OF MURDER GOING ON IN THERE. WE NEED TO ELECT
21 THE DIRECTOR OF CORRECTIONS BY THE PEOPLE. HOW COME I'M THE
22 ONLY ONE TO GET TIME EXPIRED? I HAVEN'T SURELY TALKED MORE
23 THAN ANYBODY ELSE? AND I HAVEN'T WENT OVER MY TIME, IT IS THAT
24 POSSIBLY THAT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, I MEAN YOU ASKED FOR AN



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1 ARRAY OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, I'VE LOGGED 25 YEARS IN
2 INSTITUTIONS, MRS. BURKE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME -- PLEASE WRAP UP.

5

6 **E.T. SNELL:** OKAY. THERE ARE SOLUTIONS, THERE'S SOLUTIONS IN
7 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU SUPERVISORS
8 ARE NOT ABOVE, THE CLAIMANT NOW IS RECALL, WE'RE JUST
9 RECALLING OUR GOVERNOR, AND DON'T THINK THAT THEY CAN'T COME
10 IN HERE AND WIPE YOU GUYS OUT, TOO 'CAUSE IT -- THERE'S A BIG
11 -- THERE'S STILL A GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE, SO IF I WERE YOU
12 I'D GET ON MY TOES ABOUT THE CHILDREN. I'VE GOT REPORTS IN
13 HERE FROM CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE BACK IN '92 THAT WERE RAPED,
14 BEATEN AND TORTURED, AND VAGINAL GONORRHEA AND THE COUNTY
15 DENIED IT HAPPENED. I MEAN THERE WERE -- LINDA WALLACE REPEAP
16 PUT THAT IN HERE. YOU HAVE GOT TO LET THESE PEOPLE AT THESE
17 CHURCHES GET THESE KIDS UNDER SAVE A KID OR SOME PROGRAM,
18 WHERE THEY GO IN THE VAN, THEY TAKE THE TEST, AND THEY PAY THE
19 \$150 AND THEN THEY CAN HAVE A KIDS FOR A COUPLE OF TIMES A
20 YEAR, THE SOLUTIONS ARE REAL SIMPLE. THE BAIL BONDS, I MEAN
21 LET'S TALK ABOUT THE COURT SYSTEM, YOU TALK ABOUT THE COURT
22 SYSTEM IT'S A --.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS --

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1 **E.T. SNELL:** IT'S \$5,000 TO A \$50,000 BOND --

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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5 **E.T. SNELL:** AND IT'S 300 TO DO IT YOURSELF, WELL MAYBE YOUR
6 COFFERS THAT CELESTE KING KICKS IN WELL MIGHT JUST -- MIGHT'VE
7 JUST, YOU KNOW, ALLOWED YOU TO NOT SPEAK ABOUT BAIL BOND
8 ISSUES BUT IT'S PRETTY SAD WHAT THE COUNTY'S RUNNING HERE AND
9 THEY NEED TO GET ON THEIR TOES.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ELIZABETH WEBER.

12

13 **ELIZABETH WEBER:** MY NAME IS ELIZABETH WEBER, I LIVE IN SANTA
14 MONICA, CALIFORNIA AND I'M A VOLUNTEER IN THE DETENTION
15 MINISTRY AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. WHILE I COMMEND AND VERY
16 MUCH COMMEND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR TAKING THE LEAD ON
17 THIS INITIATIVE AND ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES, I WOULD LIKE YOU
18 VERY SERIOUSLY TO CONSIDER KEEPING THE YOUTH IN FACILITIES
19 THAT ARE MADE FOR JUVENILES. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN THE
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS DONE A VERY GOOD JOB AND THEY'RE
21 CONTINUING TO REFORM AND DO A BETTER JOB. HAVING THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THESE YOUTH, THESE PEOPLE ARE TRAINED
23 ALREADY TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE IN THIS AGE GROUP. THIS IS A VERY,
24 VERY COMPLEX ISSUE AND I PLEASE, PLEASE CAUTION YOU NOT TO
25 MAKE IT -- YOUR REMEDY NOT TO FURTHER DAMAGE THESE ALREADY



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1 DAMAGED YOUTH. I THINK THAT THE APPROPRIATE -- WHEN THE JUDGES
2 -- WHEN YOU SPEAK ABOUT WHAT IS APPROPRIATE I DO THINK
3 ARBITRARY WOULD BE A WORD THAT YOU COULD EXCHANGE VERY EASILY.
4 AND I DO THINK THAT IF YOU DID CHOOSE TO LOOK AT AN ANALYSIS
5 OF THE NUMBERS WHICH I THINK IS AN OUTSTANDING IDEA, I THINK
6 THAT IF YOU COULD BRING INTO THAT MIX SOMEONE THAT IS OUTSIDE
7 OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR
8 AN ANALYSIS OF THOSE NUMBERS AND IF YOU LOOKED AT THEM, THIS
9 IS NOT AS BLACK AND WHITE A SITUATION AS A LOT OF THESE
10 NUMBERS THAT ARE SMEARED OVER IT ARE MAKING IT APPEAR. I
11 REALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. I THINK THAT AGAIN THE
12 PROBATION DEPARTMENT DOES A VERY, VERY GOOD JOB. I THINK THEY
13 SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP OUR
14 CHILDREN HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND HELP THEM IN
15 EVERY WAY THAT WE CAN. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
18 SECONDED BY KNABE WITHOUT OBJECTION SO ORDERED, AS AMENDED.
19 YES, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** YES MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FIRST OF
22 ALL THAT I MOVE TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LENA DE
23 MONTEVERNE. LENA IS THE WIFE OF SAM MONTEVERNE, WHO PASSED
24 AWAY RECENTLY AND SHE'S GOING TO BE MISSED BY ALL. SHE WAS
25 ORIGINALLY FROM THE PHILIPPINES, SHE WAS MARRIED TO HER



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1 HUSBAND SAM FOR OVER 40 YEARS. THEY'RE A FOUNDING -- SHE WAS A
2 FOUNDING STAFF MEMBER IN THE LONG BEACH ASIAN PACIFIC MENTAL
3 HEALTH PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. SHE SERVED AS A SUPERVISING
5 SOCIAL WORKER SINCE 1986. LENA IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND SAM,
6 THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, LISA, ROSALIE, SAM, GAIL, MARY-LYNNE,
7 BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND HER FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. SHE'LL BE
8 DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL OF HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND WAS A VERY
9 DEAR FRIEND OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
10 MEMORY OF A LONG-TIME FAMILY FRIEND OF OURS, HENRY HIROMA,
11 HENRY, BETTER KNOWN AS HANK. HANK AND HIS SISTER RAN 'HANK AND
12 SYL'S' AND THE GREAT HANK'S COFFEE SHOP IN ARTESIA. HE WAS
13 WELL KNOWN FOR HIS GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR AND HIS FAMOUS CURLY
14 FRIES. HE REMARRIED IN 1954, HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
15 BERTHA, DAUGHTERS JOYCE, RUTH AND LOIS, SONS GERALD, HENRY AND
16 GARY, 19 GRANDCHILDREN AND EIGHT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HENRY
17 WAS VERY WELL KNOWN IN THE ARTESIA COMMUNITY, HE HAD A GREAT
18 HISTORY OF THE HULDERRY VALLEY AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THAT
19 KNEW HIM. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK KANAKA. FRANK
20 WILL BE MISSED SORELY BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED
21 BY HIS DAUGHTER SHERRY AND HER HUSBAND GORDON. ALSO THAT WE
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NELDA BUCHANAN, NELDA WAS THE LOVING
23 MOTHER OF SYBIL BUCHANAN, PAST HONORARY MAYOR OF WESTCHESTER
24 AND MARINA DEL REY. NELDA PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE
25 AGE OF 83. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TIM ROTHINS. TIM



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1 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 4TH THIS YEAR, JUST ON FRIDAY, IN A VERY
2 TRAGIC CAR ACCIDENT. TIM WAS THE BROTHER OF LIEUTENANT MIKE
3 ROTHINS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
4 LIEUTENANT ROTHIN'S WAS A LAKEWOOD OFFICER LIEUTENANT FOR SOME
5 TIME AND IS NOW PART OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY GROUP. TIM IS
6 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, TWO BROTHERS, ONE DAUGHTER AND BE
7 MISSED BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CORA ROTHINS.
8 CORY PASSED AWAY ON JULY 4TH AS WELL, CORY WAS THE NIECE OF
9 LIEUTENANT MIKE ROTHINS AND NOW CORY WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY
10 HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ORA
11 JEFFERSON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY JULY 7TH, SHE'S A LONG
12 TIME RESIDENT OF THE 4TH DISTRICT. SHE WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE
13 LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
14 HUSBAND RON, SON ANDRE, HER MOM AND DAD, EIGHT SISTERS, FOUR
15 BROTHERS, AUNTS AND UNCLES AND MANY, MANY FRIENDS. AND ALSO
16 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. SAMUEL RICHARDSON, WHO PASSED
17 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARTHA,
18 DAUGHTERS JACKIE, GRANDDAUGHTERS SHANA AND SHAH, HIS BROTHER
19 ABDUL AND HIS SISTER LINDA, SISTER-IN-LAW DORIS AND BROTHER-
20 IN-LAW PAUL. THAT WE JOIN -- ADJOURN IN MEMORY, EXCUSE ME, OF
21 LEWIS ANGUINAL, WHO PASSED ON JUNE 22ND AT THE AGE OF 81. HE'S
22 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LUCY, FOUR CHILDREN, PATRICK, SUSAN,
23 CAROL AND RUBEN, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, 19 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,
24 SISTER CATALINA. AND FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
25 BUDDY EBSER, KNOWN FOR HIS ROLE AS JED CLAMPETT IN THE



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1 TELEVISION SHOW 'THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES' AS WELL AS THE
2 PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR 'BARNABY JONES,' WE'VE GOT TO SEE A LOT
3 OF HIM IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, WE JUST WANT TO JOIN THE
4 EBSSEN FAMILY'S WISH AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF AN
5 UNCOMPROMISING ACTOR AND AN UNYIELDING SPIRIT. AS BUDDY PUT
6 IT, 'THE MOST IMPORTANT, THE MOST ESSENTIAL, THE ONE THAT WILL
7 SUSTAIN, TRANSCEND, OVERCOME AND VANQUISH ALL OBSTACLES IS
8 SPIRIT'. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DOROTHY, SISTER VELMA, SIX
9 CHILDREN, AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO BE -- JOIN ON
12 SYBIL'S, FOR HER MOTHER. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING ELSE? ALL RIGHT,
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN
16 MEMORY OF A LONG TIME FAMILY FRIEND GERALD GAELICH. GERRY
17 WORKED WITH MY FATHER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BEFORE JOINING THE
18 FIRE DEPARTMENT IN HUNTINGTON BEACH. HE WAS A -- AND I WORKED
19 -- WHEN I WAS WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WITH MY
20 FATHER, I WORKED WITH GERRY. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, MARJORIE AND
21 HIS SON, ALONG WITH A BROTHER AND THREE SISTERS AND A
22 GRANDDAUGHTER, ROXANNE. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THE
23 MEMORY OF BUDDY EBSSEN, WHO PASSED AWAY. BUDDY WAS A PERSONAL
24 FRIEND AND SUPPORTER AND ATTENDED MANY OF MY POLITICAL EVENTS.
25 AND I FIRST MET HIM WHEN PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS RUNNING FOR



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1 PRESIDENT BACK IN 1976. AND WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT BILLY OR
2 BUDDY IS THAT HE EXCELLED BOTH ON STAGE, SCREEN AND
3 TELEVISION, AND THEN WITH HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE
4 COMMUNITY. BUT HE LIVED A GOOD LIFE AT 95 AND HE'S ONE OF THE
5 FEW REMAINING HOLLYWOOD ICONS THAT ARE STILL AROUND. AND HE
6 WAS A GOOD PERSON AND I ALSO JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR BURKE WITH
7 NICHOLAS SHAMAS OF FELIX CHEVROLET AND ANOTHER SUPPORTER. BUT
8 IT'S INTERESTING, NICK WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE SOUTHWEST
9 ROTARY CLUB THAT MEETS EACH WEEK AT THE OLD HILTON BY U.S.C.
10 AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER, ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, ACTIVE AT SAINT
11 NICHOLAS CHURCH, SAINT JUDE'S CHILDREN'S RESEARCH CENTER AND
12 AGAIN AT 87 YEARS OF AGE, HE ALSO DIED WITH HIS BOOTS ON. HE
13 WAS QUITE ACTIVE 'TIL THE END AND QUITE INVOLVED WITH HIS
14 BUSINESS, WHICH ALL OF US KIND OF GREW UP WITH, WITH FELIX THE
15 CAT. AND ROYAL GORDAN MCGREGGOR, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85,
16 HE WAS RETIRED WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE
17 WAS A SERGEANT AND ALSO ACTIVE IN THE SHRINE AND HAD BEEN A
18 MASON FOR 56 YEARS WHERE HE HAD RECEIVED THE HIRAM AWARD.
19 DAVID LOBE, WHO WAS THE COFOUNDER WITH ANGELO MAZOLA OF
20 COUNTRYWIDE WHO PASSED AWAY AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST JOB-
21 CREATING INDUSTRIES IN OUR STATE. AND LAST WEEK ANGELO --
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND I WERE HONORED FOR, ALONG WITH
23 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT NORTH RIDGE FOR LEADERSHIP AND
24 ACTIVITIES IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. BUT -- AND DAVID LOBE
25 FOUNDED A GREAT MORTGAGE REFINANCE COMPANY THAT HAS PROVIDED



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1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO OWN THEIR HOMES AND JOBS FOR THE
2 PEOPLE WITHIN THE COUNTY AND STATE. ALSO MONSIGNOR JEROME
3 ELDER, WHO PASSED AWAY. HIS PARISHES INCLUDED HART CHURCH IN
4 LANCASTER, ALONG WITH CHURCHES IN LONG BEACH AND OTHER PARTS
5 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ANTHONY. HE PASSED
6 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 40. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PASADENA
7 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, HE WAS THE INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE
8 UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA, AND HE WAS A LICENSED REAL ESTATE
9 BROKER AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
10 MORTGAGE BROKERS. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS. AND REGINA
11 ANN DALTRON, A LONG TIME RESIDENT FOR THE -- OF GLENDALE AND
12 CHATSWORTH AND SHE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
13 DEPARTMENT OF REC AND PARKS. AND AT THE MASON AND GRENADA
14 HILLS RECREATION CENTER, WHERE SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER ACTIVE IN
15 THE RECITA TARZANA REPUBLICAN WOMEN, AND ACTIVE WITH MANY
16 YEARS IN THE ORDER OF EASTERN STAR AND SERVED ON THE
17 COUNCILMAN'S HAL BERNSON'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE SAN
18 FERNANDO VALLEY. AND SHELLY LYNN ALLEN, WHO WAS AN EDUCATOR IN
19 THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT TUMBLE WEED, BUENA VISTA AND
20 DESERT ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. AND SHE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF
21 THE APPLE PIE AWARD, WHICH TOOK FIRST PLACE FOR HER COOKING AT
22 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR. SO I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THEIR
23 MEMORIES. SO ORDERED.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S IT, AND THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANYTHING ELSE? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE MEDIC PAUL
8 TAKUZO NOKAMORA OF SANTE FE SPRINGS WHO TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY
9 WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN IRAQ. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
10 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I'D ALSO LIKE
11 TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOHN DAVID GRIFFIN,
12 WHO HAS UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED AWAY THIS WEEKEND. JOHN IS THE
13 BELOVED BROTHER OF TERRY GRIFFIN, A LONG-TIME COLLEAGUE AND A
14 DEAR FRIEND OF OURS. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES AS WELL
15 TO TERRY AND HER ENTIRE FAMILY. AND FINALLY I'D LIKE TO ASK
16 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DOMINICIA GALAN, WHO PASSED
17 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. MRS. GALAN WAS THE MOTHER OF RAQUEL
18 GALAN WHO SERVES AS MY APPOINTEE ON THE COUNTY'S LIBRARY
19 COMMISSION. MRS. GALAN WAS A LONG TIME EAST L.A. RESIDENT, AND
20 WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SAINT ALOYSIUS -- SAINT ALFONSUS
21 CHURCH, I'M SORRY. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
22 TO RAQUEL AND HER FAMILY. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. THERE'S NOTHING FURTHER? PUBLIC
25 COMMENT? ESTHER LOFTON AND E.T.SNELL.



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2 **ESTHER LOFTON:** MY NAME IS ESTHER LOFTON. AND I'VE COME HERE TO
3 RESPECTFULLY DEMAND EXECUTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A JUDGMENT IN
4 CASE NUMBER 895188 LOFTON'S ET AL VERSUS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
5 OF THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS SIGNED BY THE
6 HONORABLE DONALD R. RIGHT. I WILL NOT ACCEPT DEFEAT BECAUSE OF
7 INEPT REPRESENTATION OF A MATTER WON IN COURT THREE TIMES.
8 ONE, CASE NUMBER 895188 ITSELF, WHERE LOS ANGELES DEPUTY
9 COUNTY COUNSEL RON APPERSON ADMITTED GUILT ON THE PART OF THE
10 DEFENDANTS TO EACH AND EVERY ALLEGATION. NUMBER TWO, CASE
11 NUMBER BSO 23174, LEONIE LOFTON JR. VERSUS YVONNE BRATHWAITE-
12 BURKE, SUPERVISOR, A DEFAULT. CASE NUMBER BSO 81368, S. M.
13 LOFTON VERSUS SUPERVISOR BURKE, A DEFAULT, THIS IS SUBMITTED
14 BY ESTHER M. LOFTON. YOU SHOULD RECEIVE IF YOU HAVE NOT
15 RECEIVED ALREADY CERTIFIED COMMUNICATION FROM ME IN A MORE
16 DETAILED FASHION OF THIS DEMAND. JUST IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT, I
17 DID BRING A COPY FOR EACH ONE OF YOU. ONE LAST COMMENT, MY
18 HUSBAND IS USUALLY WITH ME. HE IS NOW A PATIENT AT THE
19 VETERAN'S HOSPITAL. BUT I'D LIKE TO MAKE ONE STATEMENT ON HIS
20 BEHALF. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
21 BEFORE HE WAS DRAFTED. DESPITE BEING AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED,
22 DISABLED COMBAT INFANTRY VETERAN HE HAS HAD ONE YEAR OF
23 GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN HIS LIFE. DESPITE THE FACT THAT EVERY
24 WESTERN COUNTRY IS A PARTY TO THE SOLDIER'S ACT. THIS IS THE
25 COPY I HAVE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT. YES.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT

5 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF

6 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS CS

7 1, CS 2, CS 3, AND CS 4 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

8 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM CS 5, CONFERENCE WITH

9 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS

10 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THANK YOU.

11 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED**

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14 For your information, there is no reportable action as a

15 result of today's closed session.

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